

# EXHIBIT B



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Mr. Graham Smith  
National Public Radio  
1111 North Capitol Street NW  
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Mr. Smith,

We received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request on 4 November 2019 seeking all documents related to a friendly fire incident in Fallujah, Iraq on 12 April 2004 resulting in the deaths of two Marines, Lance Cpl Brad S. Shuder and Lance Cpl Robert Zurheide, and injuries to Marines John Smith and Brandon Costello. Specifically, you requested: (1) photographs; (2) notes; (3) reports from initial field investigation; (4) battlefield observations; (5) subsequent JAGMAN investigation; (6) lessons learned; (7) records related to suspected friendly fire findings relating to the organic 2-1st Weapons and Artillery 5th team and attached artillery components from 1st Battalion, 11th Marines; (8) records containing the dates of family notification; and (9) any other potentially relevant documents. Your request is being processed in accordance with Title 5 U.S.C. § 552 Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act, and Executive Order 13526. The actual processing time for these documents will depend upon consultation with other DoD components, stateside, overseas, or other agencies.

In your request, you asked for a fee waiver. Your request for a fee waiver is granted.

For any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request, you have the right to contact the Office of the Deputy Chief Management Officer, Directorate for Oversight and Compliance, The Transparency Office, FOIA Public Liaison (Mr. Darrell Williams) at [OSD.FOIA-APPEAL@mail.mil](mailto:OSD.FOIA-APPEAL@mail.mil). Additionally, you have the right to contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, MD 20740-6001, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at (202) 741-5770; toll free at (877) 684-6448; or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

The USCENTCOM FOIA Requester Service Center receives numerous FOIA requests and has a substantial number of pending FOIA cases. Therefore, we process requests in a multi-track processing system based on the date of receipt and complexity of the request. The FOIA does not require agencies to respond to questions, to do research, compile or analyze data, summarize, or conduct surveys for members of the public. You should be aware that the FOIA only provides the means by which the public can request specific documents from USCENTCOM. The requested documents should be described to the extent that they may be located with a reasonable amount of effort. Your FOIA is currently #1824 in our queue. You can view your status on our website at [www.centcom.mil/Home/FOIA](http://www.centcom.mil/Home/FOIA).

If you have any questions regarding your inquiry, please contact the FOIA Requester Service Center at (813) 529-6285, [centcom.macdill.centcom-hq.mbx.freedom-of-information-act@mail.mil](mailto:centcom.macdill.centcom-hq.mbx.freedom-of-information-act@mail.mil), and refer to USCENTCOM case #20-0081.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert H. Bennett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

Robert H. Bennett  
GS-15, DAFC  
Chief, Resources and Analysis Division