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To: Vanden Brook, Tom <tvbrook@usatoday.com>
Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] FOIA request

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From: NGB FOIA
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 8:05 AM
To: OSD MC-ALEX ODAM Mailbox FOIA LIAISON
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] FOIA request

Good Morning,

This request has been received and logged as J-21-0101 by our office. The requester should be receiving our official notice of acknowledgement in the coming days.

Thank you!

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Sent: Friday, March 5, 2021 4:51 PM
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Please verify receipt and provide status to requester.

Thanks,
Toni

From: Vanden Brook, Tom <tvbrook@usatoday.com>
Sent: Friday, March 5, 2021 4:48 PM
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Hi, Toni

I sent the request, added below, tongb.foia@mail.mil < Caution-mailto:ngb.foia@mail.mil >

Thank you,

Tom

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February 26, 2021

FOIA REQUEST

Fee benefit requested

Fee waiver requested

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Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request access to and copies of memos of Notices of Proposed Resolutions issued by Chief, Complaints Management and Adjudication for the National Guard Bureau to State Equal Employment Managers from Jan. 1, 2011 to the present. I would like to receive the information in electronic format.

As a representative of the news media I am only required to pay for the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages. Through this request, I am gathering information on complaints regarding racial discrimination and harassment within National Guard units. This information is being sought on behalf of *USA Today* for dissemination to the general public.

Please waive any applicable fees. Release of the information is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities, including how the issue of systemic racism may be affecting National Guard units.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

I request expedited processing. It is urgent to inform the public about how it addresses the issue of racial discrimination in the military, and I am a member of news media primarily engaged in disseminating information to the public.

As I am making this request as a journalist and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate your communicating with me by telephone, rather than by mail, if you have questions regarding this request.

I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Tom Vanden Brook

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Good evening,

Where did you send the request? To what component? NGB?

I can check the status for you as the Public Liaison. Since we are decentralized at DoD I will need to know the component or command you submitted it to.

Thanks,

Toni

From: Vanden Brook, Tom <tvbrook@usatoday.com < Caution-mailto:tvbrook@usatoday.com > >

Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 2:01 PM

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Hello,

This is Tom Vanden Brook, Pentagon correspondent for USA Today. I have filed a FOIA request for records related to NGB Notices of Proposed Resolution in cases involving equal opportunity complaints.

May I ask if you have received it, and if it is being processed?

Many thanks,

Tom

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