

Exhibit 6



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SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUESTS DON-NAVY
2021-000245, DON-NAVY- 2021-000283; FOIA APPEAL DON-NAVY
2021-007737

This responds to your FOIA appeal dated June 6, 2021, which was posted June 8, 2021 and received by my office on June 16th, 2021. Your appeal was assigned FOIA appeal tracking number DON-NAVY 2021-007737. In your appeal, you challenge the response to two FOIA requests, DON-NAVY-2021-000283, and DON-NAVY 2021-000245.

Your FOIA request DON-NAVY-2021-000283, originally submitted to the Naval Inspector General (Navy IG) FOIA office on October 12, 2020, sought “all records, including but not limited to, Inspector General investigations, mentioning Foreign Government Employment (FGE) of retired or former military personnel from January 1, 2015 until the date this request is processed.” The Navy IG office reviewed its investigation database for records responsive to your request, but none were located. The Navy IG then referred your request to Navy Personnel Command (NPC) for further processing, upon belief that they may have records responsive to your request. The referred request was assigned FOIA request tracking number DON-NAVY-2021-00768, and NPC responded to the referred request on November 24, 2020. No appeal has been filed.

You also appeal the processing of your initial FOIA request, DON-NAVY-2021-000245, by the Bureau of Naval Personnel. Specifically, you challenge the Navy’s use of FOIA exemptions “4, 6, and 5” to withhold information in response to your FOIA request.

Please be advised that the Department of the Navy is currently a party in litigation with the Washington Post, in the ongoing case *WP Company LLC d/b/a THE WASHINGTON POST v. U.S. Department of Defense, et al.*, case no. 1:21-cv-01025, regarding the

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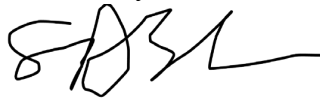
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Subject FOIA requests, and/or FOIA matters that are anticipated to substantially affect your FOIA appeal.

Pursuant to DoDM 5400.07, paragraph 6.3(9)b, FOIA requests and appeals for matters currently in litigation will be administratively closed. Resolution of the FOIA matters will be completed by the counsel assigned to the litigation, or as needed, by the court overseeing the litigation. Accordingly, I am administratively closing your appeal without further action.

If you have further questions or concerns for my office, my point of contact is LCDR Ann Oakes, JAGC, USN, who may be reached at (202) 685-5476, or ann.t.oakes@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. D. Schrock', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

S. D. SCHROCK

Director
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