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From: Tucker, Eric
Sent: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 10:30 AM
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Subject: Associated Press Freedom of Information Act Request, US Central Command, 2/9/22

Dear FOIA officer:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request the following information:

_ Copies of any and all body camera video and overhead video maintained and preserved by the U.S. Department of Defense from participants in the February 3, 2022 U.S. Central Command operation ("operation") in Atmeh, Syria that targeted the leader of the Islamic State, Abu Ibrahim al-Hashimi al-Qurayshi, and that resulted in his death.

_ Recordings of chat lines from operations centers from the duration of the operation, as well as transcripts and radio communications from military personnel on the ground and in the air during the operation, including but not limited to the duration of the destruction of the helicopter.

_ Copies of documents related to the operation between the dates of January 1, 2022 and February 5, 2022, including but not limited to emails from the inbox and outbox of Gen. Frank McKenzie containing the following search terms: "Hashimi," "Qurayshi" and "Atmeh."

_ Copies of any Central Command after-action reports on the operation between the dates of Feb. 3 and the present date.

_ Copies of any Civilian Casualty Assessment Report, or "CCAR," arising from the operation maintained by either Central Command or the Department of Defense.

I would like to receive the requested information in electronic format.

I am making this request as a reporter with The Associated Press and this request is made as part of newsgathering and not for commercial use. As a representative of the news media I am only required to pay for the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages. 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 reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

I ask that you waive any and all applicable fees associated with this request. Release of this information is unquestionably in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of a military operation that has concluded and that the White House and the Defense Department have collectively described as successful. Given that the mission concluded with the death of its intended target, and without any American casualties, the public interest in how it unfolded far outweigh any need to withhold the requested material for privacy and national security reasons.

If you deny this request for a fee waiver, please advise me in advance of the estimated charges if they are to exceed \$100.

As the world's oldest and largest news organization, the AP is a credible requester. As I am making this request as a journalist and the information is of timely value, I would appreciate your communicating with me by telephone, 202-579-5650, or e-mail, etucker@ap.org, rather than by mail, if you have questions regarding this request.

In the spirit of such cooperation and the presumption of disclosure, I look forward to your prompt response.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Eric Tucker

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