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 Caton, Alexander

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 RE: FOIA Request

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Greetings,

Thank you for submitting your FOIA request to our agency. Attached, please find our acknowledgement letter to your request. For the purpose of this request, please confirm if you would like the name of the request (POC) or (email on request under Mr. Sparacino) to be changed for final response. We thank you for your patience, and apologize for the delay.

With warm regards, FOIA Services Center

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From: Caton, Alexander < ACaton@willkie.com>

Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2022 1:23 PM

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Subject: [URL Verdict: Neutral][Non-DoD Source] FOIA Request

To Whom it May Concern,

I am an attorney at Willkie, Farr & Gallagher LLP. Attached, please find a FOIA request letter from our co-counsel Ryan Sparacino, sent on behalf of Willkie attorneys Nick Reddick and Timothy Ryan (both CC'd).

This request contains all required information, including but not limited to:

- information regarding requested materials including timeframe, subject matter, and individuals involved;
- reasons believed as to why the department has the materials;
- maximum fees willing to be paid; and
- contact information required for a response.

If any materials are missing, or if there is anything we can do to expedite the process for receiving the requested information, please let us know and we will be happy to oblige.

Best,

Alex Caton

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U-22-0123/IMO-2 (FOIA)

FOIA-00141-2022 April 23, 2022

Ryan Sparacino 1920 L street, NW Suite 535 Washington, District of Columbia 20036

Dear Mr. Sparacino:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated March 24, 2022 and is an interim response. You requested:

 For each Attack listed in Attachment A and Attachment B, we request any and all related formal or informal reports, investigative reports, records, files, products, investigations, memoranda, summaries, related correspondence, or other documents, including but not limited to the following: (reference original request for full description; making note for priority on Attachment A)

We received your request on April 23, 2022 and assigned it case number FOIA-00141-2022. Please use this number on all future correspondence with us regarding your request.

We are unable to respond to your request within the statutory 20 days' response period due to one or more of the following reasons, which are defined in the statute as "unusual circumstances": (I) the need to search for and collect the requested records from field facilities or other establishments that are separate from the office processing the request; (II) the need to search for, collect, and appropriately examine a voluminous amount of separate and distinct records which are demanded in a single request; or (III) the need for consultation, which shall be conducted with all practicable speed, with another agency having a substantial interest in the determination of the request or among two or more components of the agency having substantial subject-matter interest therein.

At this stage of processing your request, we cannot provide an estimated date of completion. As analysis and processing of your request continues, a case officer will better be able to provide an estimate, and at that time, we will provide you with a further interim response.

We typically process requests in the order of receipt. Our backlog currently is in excess of 1,900 requests. The time it takes to respond to a request will vary depending on the complexity of the request and any backlog of requests already pending. If your request is complex, a case officer may contact you to discuss options for expediting your request, including: (I) narrowing the scope or focus of your request or increasing its specificity; (II) specifically describing

record(s) you are looking for with additional descriptive details; and (III) including specific event-related information.

We regret that there is currently a substantial delay in processing requests and solicit your patience and understanding. We will process your request as soon as possible. Our FOIA Requester Service Center is available to assist you with any question about the status of your request and any steps you can take to receive a potentially quicker response. For questions, please contact the FOIA Requester Service Center or our FOIA Public Liaison, preferably via email at FOIA1@dodiis.mil, or at 301-394-6253. DIA's FOIA website is: www.dia.mil/FOIA.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services that they offer. You may contact OGIS at ogis@nara.gov, toll-free 1-877-684-6448, phone 202-741-5770, fax 202-741-5769, or the following address:

Office of Government Information Services National Archives and Records Administration 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS College Park, MD 20740-6001

Sincerely,

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Cheryl Cross-Davison

Chief, Records and Open Government