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M.R. JOSEPH PALEN
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Dear Mr. Palen,

We received your, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request 2021-03974-F on 3 August 2021, which seeks the following:

All Email & Text Message communications and phone records, Aug 1 2017 – December 1 2017, discussing Maj Joseph Palen and any legal, administrative, or medical actions pertaining to Maj Joseph Palen, from, to, or including the following Air Force Officers:

*Amundson, Korey Col
Rassas, Sean Col
Savageau, Ryan, LtCol
Savageau, Trena, Col
Vaillant, Daniel LtCol
Cook, Bryan Col
Tobler, Samuel LtCol*

Our organization has a significant number of pending FOIA requests. Therefore, we implemented a multi-track processing for requests. Based on the information you have requested, we placed your request in the Complex track. We estimate a response to your request will be provided within 30 working days. Our policy is to process requests within their respective tracks in the order in which we receive them. FOIA requests are processed as quickly as possible. We will advise you if we cannot provide a response within the FOIA statutory timeline.

The FOIA Fee Restriction prevents DoD Components from charging commercial or “other” requesters search fees, or representatives of the news media or educational requesters duplication fees if response do not occur within 20 or 30 working days for unusual circumstances (documents not located with the office processing the FOIA request, the responsive records are voluminous, or required consultation with another agency). Fee restrictions do not apply if responsive records

total more than 5,000 pages, and this office has made three or more good-faith attempts to discuss with you, how to effectively limit the scope of your request.

We placed you in the “Other” fee category for processing. Under this category, you may be charged for search and duplication (paper) costs. The first two hours of search time and the first 100 pages of duplication are furnished without charge.

Your request for expedited processing is granted. Your case will be moved to the top of the processing queue.

If you disagree and interpret this response as an adverse action, you may write to the Secretary of the Air Force: 944 FSS, 14708 W. Super Sabre St, Luke AFB, AZ 85309 within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Include in the appeal your reasons for reconsideration, and attach a copy of this letter. You may also submit your appeal on line at the Air Force’s Public Access Link: <https://www.efoia.af.mil/palMain.aspx>.

You may contact the Air Force FOIA Public Liaison Officer, Ms. Anh Trinh, concerning this final response at Air Force FOIA Public Liaison Office, 1800 Air Force Pentagon, Washington, DC 20330-1800 or usaf.pentagon.saf-cio-a6.mbx.af-foia@mail.mil or (703) 614-8500. You may also seek dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services, and can find information on this Office at <https://ogis.archives.gov/mediation-program/request-assistance.htm>. Using the dispute resolution services, will not affect your appeal rights.

Direct questions to 944FW.FOIA.REQUESTS@us.af.mil or call 623 856-5385 and reference FOIA case number 2021-03974-F.

Sincerely,

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SANDRA L. MONTOYA, MSGT, USAF
Freedom of Information Act Manager