

Exhibit 101

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Dear NOAA Freedom of Information Act Officer,

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, this is a request for **expedited processing** for the following records:

Any and all records exchanged between the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Office of the National Director of Intelligence (ODNI) regarding unidentified aerial phenomena (UAP), unidentified flying objects (UFOs), unidentified submerged objects (USOs), unidentified objects, unidentified craft, the Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program (AATIP), Advanced Aerial Threat Identification Program (AATIP), the Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Task Force (UAPTF), the Airborne Object Identification and Management Executive Council (AOIMEXEC), the Airborne Object Identification and Management Synchronization Group (AOIMSG)

This request includes any and all emails, email attachments, physical correspondence, memorandums, photographs, video, official reports, bulletins, meeting minutes, maps, audio recordings, and any and all other responsive records and segregable materials. Please interpret the scope of this request as broadly and in the most liberal way possible. Please conduct searches of all electronic and paper/manual indices, filing systems, and locations for any and all records relating or referring to the subject of my request. **Please also include with NOAA's final response any and all processing notes associated with this request; if processing notes are not included in NOAA's final response, this requester will either appeal or file an additional FOIA seeking them.**

The time frame for this request should include any and all responsive documents from December 1, 2020 up to and including the date on which this request is officially processed.

I am requesting expedited processing, as the topic of UAP/UFO is a topic of broad public interest at this time, and any responsive records and information provided through this request may be disseminated to the public shortly after receipt.

The FOIA requires that any and all segregable portions of otherwise legally exempt material be released. If documents are denied in part or in whole, please specify which exemption(s) is (are) claimed for each passage or whole document denied. For any "classified" material denied, please include the classification level (confidential, secret, or top secret); the date or event for automatic declassification or classification review or downgrading; and, if applicable, the reason for extended classification beyond six years. In excising material, please "black out" the material rather than "white out" or "cut out."

I also request that fees be waived for the following reasons:

This request is not being made for commercial purposes and any responsive records and information contained therein will be disseminated to the public free of charge, principally on [The UAP Register](#), a UAP/UFO news site I very recently launched in my capacity as a new researcher on this topic; this information may also appear in stories written by this requester with other news outlets. Previous journalism of mine on other topics [can be found here](#).

The subject of the requested records concerns the operations or activities of the federal government, because this information could detail how the federal government potentially interacts with unidentified aerial phenomena.

Interest in the UAP/UFO subject [has increased substantially](#) since the New York Times published a series of groundbreaking news stories [related to the topic of UAP/UFO](#). Since that time, various government officials and members of the United States military have come forward to confirm the legitimacy of this phenomenon, and to talk about incursions by unidentified objects during sensitive military training exercises. Intense Congressional interest followed, which has led to the passage of legislation signed by the President of the United States that will form an office within the Department of Defense [tasked with studying the UAP/UFO issue](#) and providing periodic reports to Congress. Additional legislation passed just this month will also require the DOD to send UAP/UFO data to the [National Air and Space Intelligence Center](#).

The information contained in any responsive records, if released, will be utilized to the fullest extent possible, including the posting in-full of all responsive records and segregable portions thereof free of charge and solely for public consumption.

The nature of the activity in which these records will be used is independent, nonprofit journalism. I have been a journalist for approximately a decade, covering local and federal law enforcement issues, among other topics. My primary skill set as a journalist is obtaining and utilizing local, state, and federal public records, [as my body of work indicates](#). Responsive

records from NOAA will be utilized in an identical manner, and will assist this journalist in identifying public officials, academic experts, and others whose voices and expertise will lend additional context and information in understanding this matter of great interest to the public.

The size and nature of the public that this information will contribute to is wide and general, respectively, because this information will be disseminated on the Internet, and the UAP/UFO topic more generally has garnered significant attention by mainstream news media and federal policy makers over the last five years; it stands to reason, then, that the subject matter currently being requested from NOAA will likely also be of interest to mainstream news media and the general public. Additionally, four decades of information on the issue of nuclear safety and UAP/UFO will provide critically important context for the public and policy makers in order to make informed decisions about how to address this issue, if deemed necessary.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by email attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this request. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

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