

EXHIBIT A

Subject: FOIA Response, Case Number F23-0098
Date: Friday, April 7, 2023 at 5:18:10 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: NG TX TXARNG Mailbox Freedom of Information Act
To: AO Records
CC: NG TX TXARNG Mailbox Freedom of Information Act

EXTERNAL SENDER

Good afternoon,

This is our response to your FOIA/PA request for a copy of:

1. Any report of an incident of white supremacist, white nationalist, white separatist, far-right, alt-right, or pro-Nazi activity or ideology among military personnel.
2. Any study concerning incidents of white supremacist, white nationalist, white separatist, far-right, alt-right, or pro-Nazi activity or ideology among military personnel in the possession of or created, utilized, maintained, received, or distributed by the Texas Army National Guard.
3. Records sufficient to identify the number of incidents or reports of white supremacist, white nationalist, white separatist, far-right, alt-right, or pro-Nazi activity or ideology among military personnel, and any ensuing action recommended or executed by your agency, since January 1, 2017, or the earliest date thereafter for which this information is available.

Your request was received on March 15, 2023 and assigned Case Number F23-0098.

A search by the Personnel Records Department failed to locate any records responsive to your request. For any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request, you have the right to contact the Army FOIA Public Liaison Officer, Ms. Crystle Poge, by e-mail at usarmy.belvoir.hqda-esa.mbx.rmda-foia-public-liaison@army.mil or by phone at (571) 515-0306. If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to appeal to the Secretary of the Army by writing to Office of Information and Privacy (NGB/JA-OIP), 111 South George Mason Drive, AH2 Suite 319B, Arlington, VA 22204-1373, or by e-mail, NGB.FOIA@army.mil. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of this response. Your appeal should include copies of your original request and this response, as well as a discussion of the reasons supporting your appeal.

If you have any questions regarding your records request, please feel free to contact our office at this email address or (512) 782-5443.

Sincerely,

Open Records
Texas Military Department
Office: 512.782.5443
Fax: 512.782.6988
P.O. Box 5218 (ATTN: FOIA)
Austin, TX 78763

From: AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 1:29 PM
To: ng.tx.txarng.mbx.freedom-of-information-act@mail.mil
Subject: Public Information Request (TX-ARNG-23-0258)

Dear Public Information Officer:

Please find attached a request for records under the Texas Public Information Act.

Sincerely,
Dylan Winters
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PIR: TX-ARNG-23-0258

Subject: Re: FOIA Response, Case Number F23-0098
Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 at 12:23:55 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: FOIA
To: NG TX TXARNG Mailbox Freedom of Information Act
CC: usarmy.belvoir.hqda-esa.mbx.rmda-foia-public-liaison@army.mil

Dear Open Records Office,

Thank you for your response to American Oversight's Freedom of Information Act Request filed on March 15, 2023.

In order to help us better understand and evaluate your office's response, can your office please provide details regarding the search that was conducted by the Personnel Records Department, which resulted in no responsive records being located? Specifically, could you please provide all locations and custodians searched (including all databases, file locations, record repositories, email accounts, physical files, etc.); the date range applied to the search; and all key terms, search terms, or any other limitations used to query databases or conduct searches (including any guidance or parameters used to define any part of the phrase "incidents of white supremacist, white nationalist, white separatist, far-right, alt-right, or pro-Nazi activity or ideology")? Can your office also please clarify whether any other department, office, or component of the TX Army National Guard was searched besides the Personnel Records Department, and if so, specify those departments and details of each search?

Thank you very much for your assistance. Please feel free to contact me at the email address provided below.

Best,
Mehreen Rasheed

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Mehreen Rasheed (she/her)
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