## **EXHIBIT C**



NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU 111 SOUTH GEORGE MASON DRIVE ARLINGTON, VA 22204-1373

May 9, 2023

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Dear Requester:

FOIA Case Number: FA-23-0026-A

This letter is to acknowledge that the National Guard Bureau received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeal dated May 5, 2023. You are appealing the Texas Army National Guard's (TX ARNG) no records response concerning your request for the following:

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 TX ARNG, and

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 appeal was received by the National Guard Bureau on May 5, 2023 and assigned case number FA-23-0026-A. We will review your appeal for further action, including directing TX ARNG to conduct a secondary search, and may forward it to the appellate authority if necessary. You will receive written correspondence informing you of our course of action upon completion of a secondary search for responsive records.

If you are not satisfied with this response you have the right to appeal to the Secretary of the Army within 90 days through this office, by writing to the Office of Information and Privacy (NGB/JA-OIP), 111 South George Mason Drive, AH2 Suite 319B, Arlington, VA 22204-1373, or by e-mail, <u>ngb.foia@army.mil</u>. 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, this response and state the basis for your disagreement with the denial. If the denial includes the withholding of documents, then state the justification for release. Please note your appeal should address the information denied in this response and cannot be used to make a new request for new or additional information.

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.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: NARA-OGIS, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, MD 20740-6001, e-mail at <u>ogis@nara.gov</u>; telephone at (202) 741-5770; toll free at (877) 684-6448 or by facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

We will process your appeal and provide a final response. If you have questions regarding this action, please contact my office at email: <a href="mailto:ngb.foia@army.mil">ngb.foia@army.mil</a>.

Sincerely,

RONNIE T. BEHARRY Office of Information and Privacy Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Officer