



May 2, 2023

SENT VIA E-MAIL TO: corinfaife@cornell.edu

Jeremy Singer-Vine and Corin Faife and
Cornell University

RE: FOIA Request No. 23-0102

Dear Mr. Singer-Vine and Mr. Faife,

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, which you submitted to our office on March 31, 2023. Our office received your request on April 4, 2023, and assigned it case number 23-0102. You requested the following: *“1) All database records in the Peace Corps PC-7 “Reasons for Resignation” database and PC-17 (VIDA/PCVDBMS), excluding fields containing PII or other sensitive user information. We request all database records stored within the PC-7 system (as well as all analogous resignation form records stored in systems that may have preceded or succeeded PC-7), with the exception of data fields that contain personally-identifiable information, i.e., name and social security number. To the extent that the requested records are stored as structured information in a database, it should be possible to withhold non-disclosable data fields without the need to individually review or redact such records, and without the need to withhold any other portion of those records.”*

A search conducted by of the Office of the Chief Information Officer and the Office of Strategic Information, Research and Planning returned one spreadsheet, totaling two pages, as printed. I have reviewed the information to consider the release of any reasonably segregable portions of information. I have considered the foreseeable harm standard in my review of these records and my application of the following FOIA exemptions. FOIA exemption (b)(5) protects privileged communications within or between agencies. In this instance it protects the deliberative process privilege (provided the records were created less than 25 years before the date on which they were requested).

All official reports regarding Volunteer Early Termination can be found on the Peace Corps' Open Government webpage: https://www.peacecorps.gov/about/open-government/reports/?search_text=termination#results

I am closing this case in our Office. There are no fees associated with this response. If you are not satisfied with this response, you may contact me at the Peace Corps FOIA Public Liaison to discuss it at bjohnson@peacecorps.gov. 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 they

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offer if you are unable to resolve any initial disputes with this office. We recommend communicating by e-mail. The contact information for OGIS is as follows:

Email: ogis@nara.gov

Mail: Office of Government Information Services

National Archives and Records Administration

8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001

You also have the right to submit an administrative appeal to the appellate authority within 90 business days of receipt of this letter. Please address the appeal to Francisco Reinoso, Associate Director of Management, Peace Corps, 1275 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20526. Please submit any appeal by e-mail to foia@peacecorps.gov. Your appeal must include the FOIA request number in the body of your message, and a statement explaining the reason for your appeal. Please include "FOIA Appeal" in the e-mail subject line, along with the assigned FOIA case number.

If you have questions regarding this response, please contact Cindy Carruth, FOIA/PA Specialist, at foia@peacecorps.gov.

Sincerely,

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