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Exhibit 1

Wed, Dec 28, 2022 at 3:02 PM



Katherine Eban

FOIA Request

Katherine Eban <newmarkfoia@gmail.com>

To: usarmy.belvoir.hqda-oaa-ahs.mbx.rmda-foia@army.mil

Cc: KatherineEban@gmail.com

Requesters Information Name: Katherine Eban

Position: Contributing Editor at Vanity Fair

Names: Myriam Vidal, Daniel Santiago, Emily Sauchelli

Positions: Freelance Reporters

Address:

Email: newmarkfoia@gmail.com

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To Whom it May Concem:

We are journalists assisting Katherine Eban, a contributing editor at Vanity Fair, and are seeking records related to Operation Whitecoat, a medical research program that the US Army conducted with Seventh Day Adventist church volunteers at Fort Detrick, Maryland, from 1954 to 1973. Katherine Eban has written two books, can analyze the requested records, and can widely distribute the information to a broader audience.

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Please send digital material as it becomes available to: newmarkfoia@gmail.com. For physical material, please send to:

Katherine Eban

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions concerning our request. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Katherine Eban, Myriam Vidal, Daniel Santiago, and Emily Sauchelli Freelance Reporters

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Katherine Eban <katherineeban@gmail.com>

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5 messages

Katherine Eban <katherineeban@gmail.com>

To: usarmy.pentagon.hqda-ocpa.mbx.mrd-press-desk@army.mil

Thu, Dec 29, 2022 at 12:14 PM

To whom it may concern,

For an upcoming Vanity Fair story, I have twice submitted a FOIA request to your listed email address: usarmy.belvoir.hqda-oaa-ahs.mbx.rmda-foia@army.mil.

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Thank you,

Katherine

Katherine Eban ph: cel

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USARMY Pentagon HQDA OCPA Mailbox MRD Press Desk <usarmy.pentagon.hqdaocpa.mbx.mrd-press-desk@army.mil> Thu, Dec 29, 2022 at 12:32 PM

To: Katherine Eban <katherineeban@gmail.com>

Katherine,

Thank you for your message. Our office does not process FOIA requests, so I'm unable to directly answer your question. But I will see what we can do to connect you to the right person.

Please understand that with the holiday weekend, a response may not be possible until next week. Myself or someone from my team will follow up.

Thanks,

-Terry

V/r,

Exhibit 2

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Terence M. Kelley

Lt. Col., U.S. Army

Director of Media Relations

U.S. Army Public Affairs

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Army Public Affairs Weekend Contacts:

usarmy.pentagon.hqda-ocpa.mbx.mrd-press-desk@mail.mil

(m) 703.220.9044

From: Katherine Eban <katherineeban@gmail.com> Sent: Thursday, December 29, 2022 12:14 PM

To: USARMY Pentagon HQDA OCPA Mailbox MRD Press Desk <usarmy.pentagon.hqda-ocpa.mbx.mrd-press-

desk@army.mil>

Subject: [URL Verdict: Neutral][Non-DoD Source] Vanity Fair/time sensitive: question about submission of Freedom of

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Thu, Dec 29, 2022 at 12:34 PM

To: USARMY Pentagon HQDA OCPA Mailbox MRD Press Desk <usarmy.pentagon.hqda-ocpa.mbx.mrd-pressdesk@army.mil>

Hi Terry,

Thanks so much for following up. I appreciate it greatly.

I have tried to raise a person over at the FOIA phone numbers but was unable to, so any possibility of connecting directly with a FOIA officer would be greatly appreciated.

Happy holidays,

Katherine

[Quoted text hidden]

Jackson, Andrea D CIV USARMY HQDA OCPA (USA) <andrea.d.jackson10.civ@army.mil>

Thu, Dec 29, 2022 at 12:59

To: "katherineeban@gmail.com" <katherineeban@gmail.com>

Ms. Eban,

usarmy.belvoir.hqda-oaa-ahs.mbx.rmda-foia@army.mil is the email box for the Department of the Army FOIA Office at Ft. Belvoir.

Contact information for a POC in that office is:

Vivian Gales-Wilkes

vivian.d.gales-wilkes.civ@army.mil

Government Information Specialist

Department of the Army, Freedom of Information Act Division

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571-515-0238

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Respectfully,

Ms. Andrea Jackson

Government Information Specialist

Media Relations Division

Office of the Chief of Public Affairs

Headquarters, Department of the Army

1500 Army Pentagon, Room 1E487

Washington, DC 20310-1500

E-mail: andrea.d.jackson10.civ@army.mil

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Thu, Dec 29, 2022 at 1:03 PM

To: "Jackson, Andrea D CIV USARMY HQDA OCPA (USA)" <andrea.d.jackson10.civ@army.mil>

Thank you so much, Ms. Jackson.

I appreciate it greatly.

All best, Katherine [Quoted text hidden]



Katherine Eban <katherineeban@gmail.com>

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2 messages

Katherine Eban <katherineeban@gmail.com> To: vivian.d.gales-wilkes.civ@army.mil

Thu, Dec 29, 2022 at 1:06 PM

Dear Ms. Gales-Wilkes,

I am a journalist with Vanity Fair, and I have twice tried to submit a FOIA request to the following listed email address: usarmy.belvoir.hqda-oaa-ahs.mbx.rmda-foia@army.mil. But I have yet to get an acknowledgement of receipt.

Could you please advise me as to how to get an acknowledged receipt for a FOIA request/how to best submit?

I can also be reached at

Thank you, Katherine

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Katherine Eban <katherineeban@gmail.com> To: vivian.d.gales-wilkes.civ@army.mil

Wed, Jan 18, 2023 at 2:09 PM

Hello Ms. Gales-Wilkes,

I wanted to resend this request, as I am unable to get a receipt/acknowledgement for a FOIA I have now tried to submit twice.

Could you please advise how to best submit one? I can be reached at

Many thanks, Katherine

[Quoted text hidden]



Katherine Eban <katherineeban@gmail.com>

Vanity Fair: FOIA request -- seeking a response

1 message

Katherine Eban <katherineeban@gmail.com>

To: usarmy.belvoir.hqda-oaa-ahs.mbx.rmda-foia-public-liaison@army.mil

Thu, Jan 19, 2023 at 10:37 AM

To whom it may concern,

I am a journalist with Vanity Fair, and I have yet to get a response to this FOIA request, which I submitted weeks ago. Is there someone within the FOIA office that I can speak to regarding this records request?

Many thanks, Katherine

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From: Katherine Eban <newmarkfoia@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Dec 28, 2022 at 3:02 PM

Subject: FOIA Request

To: <usarmy.belvoir.hqda-oaa-ahs.mbx.rmda-fcia@army.mil>

Cc: <KatherineEban@gmail.com>

Requesters Information Name: Katherine Eban

Position: Contributing Editor at Vanity Fair

Names: Myriam Vidal, Daniel Santiago, Emily Sauchelli

Positions: Freelance Reporters

Address:

Email: newmarkfoia@gmail.com

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Fwd: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Vanity Fair magazine: DOD archival records request 1 message

1 message			
Ka	atherine Eban <katherineeban@gmail.com></katherineeban@gmail.com>		
[From: Katherine Eban <katherineeban@gmail.com> Date: Thu, Jan 26, 2023 at 9:59 AM Subject: Re: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Vanity Fair magazine: DOD archival records request To: Shaw, Siobhan E CIV USARMY CMH (USA) <siobhan.e.shaw.civ@army.mil> Cc: Kardoskee, Florian S CIV USARMY CMH (USA) <florian.s.kardoskee.civ@army.mil></florian.s.kardoskee.civ@army.mil></siobhan.e.shaw.civ@army.mil></katherineeban@gmail.com>		
I	Dear Ms. Shaw,		
h-	Thank you for this helpful information. I greatly appreciate it.		
I	Best regards, Katherine		
	On Thu, Jan 26, 2023 at 9:10 AM Shaw, Siobhan E CIV USARMY CMH (USA) <siobhan.e.shaw.civ@army.mil>wrote:</siobhan.e.shaw.civ@army.mil>		
	Hello Ms. Eban,		
	We have completed our research for this Fort Detrick-related Request for Information.		
	Bottom line: We do not have archival-related material about Fort Detrick in any of the CMH Library's collections.		

--Fort Dietrick: Its Past, Present, and Future (see attachment)

mention the 1950s however-we did come across:

--Cutting edge: a history of Fort Detrick, Maryland, 1943-1993 (https://auls.insigniails.com/Library/ItemDetail?l=0018&i=1457049&ti=0) (A photocopy of this also exists. If requested, I can then scan it.)

The library does have two resources that describe the fort from a broad historical perspective—although both barely

You may have an interest in reaching out to the following three points of contact:

Robert Mages

Command Historian, U.S. Army Futures Command (AFC) (Note: Fort Detrick falls under this command)

Austin, TX

(512) 726-4392 (office)

robert.m.mages.civ@army.mil

Gloria Miller, MLS Command Librarian, US Army Futures Command (AFC)

8193 Blackhawk Road

Gunpowder, Maryland 21010

410-436-2195 (office)

DSN 584

gloria.a.miller.civ@army.mil

Maureen Humphrey-Shelton, MSLS, AHIP

Command Librarian, US Army Medical Research & Development Command (MRDC)

Medical Librarian, US Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases (USAMRIID)

1425 Porter Street

Fort Detrick, MD 21702

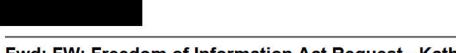
301-619-2717

maureen.p.humphrey-shelton.civ@health.mil

We recommend you contact the National Archives and Records Administration at https://www.archives.gov/. It would be best for you to narrow the search query to a specific organization(s) within Fort Detrick if at all possible when requesting assistance from the National Archives.

V/r,
Siobhan Elise Shaw
Chief, Library and Archives
U. S. Army Center of Military History
Fort Lesley J. McNair, D.C.
SIOBHAN.E.SHAW.CIV@ARMY.MIL
(202) 685-2756

Dear Mr. Mugno,
I am a journalist with Vanity Fair magazine, working on an article about Fort Detrick in the 1950s. I am seeking archival records, and cannot seem to find the right person or place to submit my records request to. Would you be available to speak with me briefly, or could you point me in the right direction? I can be reached at
Many thanks,
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From: USARMY Ft Belvoir HQDA ESA Mailbox RMDA FOIA <usarmy.belvoir.hqda-esa.mbx.rmda-foia@army.mil>

Date: Thu, Mar 16, 2023 at 9:45 AM

Subject: FW: Freedom of Information Act Request - Katherine Eban

To: katherineeban@gmail.com <katherineeban@gmail.com>

Cc: Dickerson, Teresa L CIV USARMY ID-TRAINING (USA) <teresa.l.dickerson4.civ@army.mil>,

martin.gedra@nara.gov <martin.gedra@nara.gov>

Greetings Ms. Eban,

Thank you for contacting the Department of the Army pertaining to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. A check of the transfer numbers you provided found the records fall under the purview of U.S Army Medical Research of Infectious Diseases, which is a part of the U.S. Army Medical Research and Material Command (USAMRMC).

By law, we processes FOIA referrals on a first-in, first-out basis. Unfortunately, due to an influx of request and referrals, our processing time has increased.

Alternatively, for a quicker response, it's always advisable that requesters go directly to the specific FOIA office that may have responsive records. We have provided the contact information below for your convenience.

U.S. Army Medical Command Requester Service Center

Phone: 210-221-4217

Email: USArmy.Detrick.MEDCOM-USAMRMC.List.FOIA-MRMC@health.mil

If you decide to submit your request directly to USAMRMC, we ask that you please let us know so that we may close out your request in our office, in order to prevent duplicative processing in the Army. Otherwise, we will keep your request in queue and process the referral accordingly.

Thank you,

DA FOIA Office

From: Katherine Eban <katherineeban@gmail.com> Sent: Sunday, February 12, 2023 6:25 PM To: Dickerson, Andrica D CIV USARMY HQDA CIO (USA) <andrica.d.dickerson.civ@army.mil> Cc: Martin Gedra <martin.gedra@nara.gov> Subject: [URL Verdict: Neutral][Non-DoD Source] Fwd: [23-20456] Freedom of Information Act Request - Katherine Eban</martin.gedra@nara.gov></andrica.d.dickerson.civ@army.mil></katherineeban@gmail.com>
All active links contained in this email were disabled. Please verify the identity of the sender, and confirm the authenticity of all links contained within the message prior to copying and pasting the address to a Web browser.
Dear Ms. Dickerson,
I am writing you at the suggestion of Martin Gedra at NARA. I am a journalist with Vanity Fair magazine, and I have attached a FOIA request for records I am seeking related to Operation Whitecoat, an army research project at Fort Detrick that ran from 1954 to 1973.
Mr. Gedra noted that some records may be being transferred to NARA that reference Operation Whitecoat. He cited references to transfers 319-2022-0951, 319-2022-0953, and 319-2022-1392.
I would appreciate a chance to speak with you or hear from you regarding my effort to obtain archival records from Fort Detrick. I can be reached directly at
All best, Katherine
Forwarded message From: Martin Gedra <martin.gedra@nara.gov <="" caution-mailto:martin.gedra@nara.gov=""> ></martin.gedra@nara.gov>
Date: Fri, Feb 3, 2023 at 11:44 AM Subject: Fwd: [23-20456] Freedom of Information Act Request - Katherine Eban To: <katherineeban@gmail.com <="" caution-mailto:katherineeban@gmail.com=""> ></katherineeban@gmail.com>

Dear Ms. Eban:

This email is in reply to your Freedom of Information Act request of January 23, 2023, for records of Operation Whitecoat and correspondence between the Department of Defense and

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the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Your request was received in this office on February 1 and has the tracking number 23-20456.

Although we did not locate records of the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases, we did identify a few textual accessions which potentially could include records of Operation Whitecoat. We consulted records dealing with activities at Fort Detrick, in particular at the U.S. Army Biological Center, among the Records of the United States Army Materiel Command (Record Group 544). These include UD-WW Entry 411-11, Technical Report Record Files, 1950-1971; UD-WW Entry 402-52, Project Operating Files, 1967-1969; UD-WW Entry 651, Operating Procedure Files, 1964-1965; and UD-WW Entry 401-296, Research and Development Committee Files, 1965-1979. However, we were unable to locate specific records of the testing. Similarly, we consulted A-1 Entry 1037, Subject Files, 1971-1974, among the Records of the Office of the Surgeon General (Army) (Record Group 112), but with similar results. Such records did include periodic reports and progress reports which potentially could include references to the operation, but an initial search did not locate any. Initial searches for correspondence with the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Lt. Col. William Tiggert/Tigert, and Phillip Pittman also were unsuccessful.

Relevant records still may be in the custody of the Army. For the exact location of these files, please contact Andrica Dickerson, Records Management Directorate, 9301 Chapek Road, Building 1458, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060. The email address is andrica.d.dickerson.civ@army. mil < Caution-mailto:andrica.d.dickerson.civ@army.mil > . If the records are in the process of being transferred to our custody, please request the accession or transfer numbers and the box numbers. We have seen references to transfers 319-2022-0951, 319-2022-0953, and 319-2022-1392 possibly including records on Operation Whitecoat, but you will need to contact counterparts at the Army to see if they may be records of interest.

You asked for a waiver of the fees normally charged for providing researchers with copies of archival records. The fee and fee waiver provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), however, do not apply to archival records. The FOIA fee section states that "Nothing in this subparagraph shall supersede fees chargeable under a statute specifically providing for setting the level of fees for particular types of records." [5 U.S.C. 552(a)(4)(vi)]. Accordingly, the NARA fee statute, 44 U.S.C. 2116(c), and implementing regulations at 36 C.F.R. Part 1258, apply exclusively to your request, under which the National Archives does not waive reproduction charges for individual requesters. Our inability to grant you the requested fee waiver does not constitute a denial for the purposes of the FOIA.

In reviewing your request, we have determined that your request for expedited processing does not meet the threshold outlined in NARA's FOIA regulations, specifically 36 CFR 1250.28. However, as we were able to complete your FOIA within the 20 days allotted by the law, your request for expedited processing is moot.

We do not consider this response a denial under the Freedom of Information Act because the records in our custody do not include the information you requested. However, if you are not satisfied with our action on this request, your options for appeal and dispute resolution are outlined in the enclosure. This concludes the processing of your request.

Sincerely,

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Textual Reference Archives II Branch (RR2RR) National Archives at College Park, MD

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From: Katherine Eban <katherineeban@gmail.com < Caution-mailto:katherineeban@gmail.com > >

Date: Fri, Jan 27, 2023 at 11:44 AM

Subject: Vanity Fair magazine: records request

To: <foia@nara.gov < Caution-mailto:foia@nara.gov > >

January 27. 2023

To Whom it May Concern:

I am a journalist employed by Vanity Fair, andam seeking records related to Operation Whitecoat, a medical research programthat the US Army conducted with Seventh Day Adventist church volunteers at FortDetrick, Maryland, from 1954 to 1973. I have written two books, can analyze therequested records, and can widely distribute the information to a broaderaudience.

This is a request for records under the Freedomof Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552.

- 1. From a timeframe spanning between Jan 1, 1952and Dec 31, 1976, I am seeking the following records:
 - a) Any and all records oncollaborative projects between the Department of Defense and the Seventh DayAdventist Church. These records should include but are not limited to, letters, telegrams, meeting memos, meeting minutes, agreements/contracts, andtranscriptions or recordings of any conversations or phone calls.
 - b) Any and all records of communications exchanged between military officials and Seventh Day Adventist church officials. The military officials should include but are not limited to: George E. Armstrong, US Army surgeon general; Lieutenant Colonel William D. Tiggertof Walter Reed Medical Center; Phillip R. Pittman, Former Chief, Division of Medicine, USAMRIID, Fort Detrick, MD. The Seventh Day Adventist officials should include but are not limited to: Dr. Frank Damazo, Operation Whitecoatliaison between the U.S. Army and the Seventh Day Adventist church; Theodore R.Flaiz, secretary of the medical department of the General Conference; ElderG.W. Chambers, secretary of the War Service Commission of the Seventh DayAdventist General Conference. These records of communications should includebut are not limited to, letters, telegrams, meeting memos, meeting minutes, agreements, contracts, transcriptions, or recordings of any conversations orphone calls.
 - c) Any and all recordspertaining to Operation Whitecoat's protocols to recruit, evaluate and selectthe Seventh Day Adventist volunteers, or any other volunteers, participating in the program. These records should include but are not limited to, lists of participants, medical records, agreements/contracts, meeting minutes, meetingmemos, consent forms, waivers, and experiment protocols.

- d) Any and all recordspertaining to Operation Whitecoat's operations, experiments, and treatmentoffered to participants. These records should include but are not limited to the medical resources provided to participants, physical evaluations, psychological evaluations, and religious counseling.
- e) Any and all recordsrelated to financial compensation, funding, donations, contributions, otherpayments, or other benefits made or received by the Department of Defense orany of its officials to or from The Seventh Day Adventist church or any of itsofficials. The military officials should include but are not limited to: GeorgeE. Armstrong, US Army surgeon general and Lieutenant Colonel William D. Tigertof Walter Reed Medical Center. The Seventh Day Adventist officials shouldinclude but are not limited to: Dr. Frank Damazo, Operation Whitecoat liaisonbetween the army and the church; Theodore R. Flaiz, secretary of the medicaldepartment of the General Conference; Elder G.W. Chambers, secretary of the WarService Commission of the Seventh Day Adventist General Conference. Theserecords should include but are not limited to financial statements, letters, memos, telegrams, reports, receipts, meeting minutes, transcriptions, orrecordings of any conversations or phone calls.

I am seeking the following records from a timeframe between Jan 1st, 1976, through the date the search for responsive recordsis conducted.

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- 3) Any review, report, follow-up, survey, memoranda,investigation or other documentation, created by the U.S. Army related toOperation Whitecoat, since the program ended in 1976.

DESTROYED RECORDS:

If any records responsive or potentially responsive to my request have beendestroyed, I request any and all records relating to or referring to the destruction of those records. This includes, but is not limited to, any and all records relating or referring to the events leading to the destruction of those records.

REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED PROCESSING:

It is urgent to make these records available tous in an expedited manner because they will help inform reporting that pertains to the public interest.

REQUEST FOR FEE WAIVER:

We are willing to pay any reasonable fees, however, as journalists pursuing information relevant to the public

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interest,we formally request a fee waiver. We request this waiver under 5 U.S.C.§552(a)(4)(A)(iii) ("Documents shall be furnished without any charge ... ifdisclosure of the information is in the public interest because it is likely tocontribute significantly to public understanding of the operations oractivities of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest ofthe requester.")

I would like to schedule an appointment to come to the National Archives and view this material. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you haveany questions concerning my request.

Sincerely,

Katherine Eban

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E: katherineeban@gmail.com < Caution-mailto:katherineeban@gmail.com%20 >

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Katherine Eban ph: cell:

Contributing Editor, Vanity Fair

Thank you for your time and attention.

Author, Bottle of Lies: the Inside Story of the Generic Drug Boom < Caution-https://amzn.to/2X551M7 > Caution-www.katherineeban.com < Caution-http://www.katherineeban.com/ >



Katherine Eban <katherineeban@gmail.com>

Vanity Fair magazine: seeking archived records on Operation Whitecoat

3 messages

Katherine Eban <katherineeban@gmail.com>

Thu, Jan 26, 2023 at 4:20 PM

To: robert.m.mages.civ@army.mil, gloria.a.miller.civ@army.mil

Cc: "Shaw, Siobhan E CIV USARMY CMH (USA)" <siobhan.e.shaw.civ@army.mil>

Dear. Mr. Mages and Ms. Miller,

I am contacting you at the suggestion of Siobhan Elise Shaw, chief of library and archives at the U.S. Army Center of Military History.

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With an upcoming deadline, I would appreciate your timely response.

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Miller, Gloria A CIV USARMY HQ AFC (USA) <gloria.a.miller.civ@army.mil>

Thu, Jan 26, 2023 at 4:34 PM

To: Katherine Eban <katherineeban@gmail.com>, "Humphrey-Shelton, Maureen P CIV USARMY USAMRIID (USA)" <maureen.p.humphrey-shelton.civ@health.mil>

Cc: "Shaw, Siobhan E CIV USARMY CMH (USA)" <siobhan.e.shaw.civ@army.mil>, "Mages, Robert M CIV USARMY AWC (USA)" <robert.m.mages.civ@army.mil>

Katherine,

I'm adding Maureen Humphrey-Shelton to this email. She is the Command Librarian for the DHA/Army Medical Research & Development Command at Ft. Detrick; she has much more knowledge of the programs and personnel there.

Gloria Miller, MLS Command Librarian U.S. Army Futures Command

Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD

Email: gloria.a.miller.civ@army.mil

Connect with me on Army Teams: https://dod.teams.microsoft.us/l/chat/o/o?users=gloria.a.miller.civ@army.mil

Phone: 410-436-2195 (I check my messages daily while teleworking, but Teams is a better option)

"Forge the Future!"

Exhibit 5

3/2/23, 2:30 PM

----Original Message-----

From: Katherine Eban <katherineeban@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2023 4:20 PM

To: Mages, Robert M CIV USARMY AWC (USA) <robert.m.mages.civ@army.mil>; Miller, Gloria A CIV USARMY HQ AFC

(USA) <gloria.a.miller.civ@army.mil> Cc: Shaw, Siobhan E CIV USARMY CMH (USA) <siobhan.e.shaw.civ@army.mil>

Subject: [URL Verdict: Neutral][Non-DoD Source] Vanity Fair magazine: seeking archived records on Operation Whitecoat

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Katherine Eban <katherineeban@gmail.com>

Thu, Jan 26, 2023 at 4:35 PM

To: "Miller, Gloria A CIV USARMY HQ AFC (USA)" <gloria.a.miller.civ@army.mil>

Cc: "Humphrey-Shelton, Maureen P CIV USARMY USAMRIID (USA)" < maureen.p.humphrey-shelton.civ@health.mil>, "Shaw, Siobhan E CIV USARMY CMH (USA)" <siobhan.e.shaw.civ@army.mil>, "Mages, Robert M CIV USARMY AWC (USA)" <robert.m.mages.civ@army.mil>

Thank you, Ms. Miller.

I actually wrote to her as well under separate cover, but I appreciate the follow-up and look forward to hearing from her.

All best, Katherine [Quoted text hidden]



Katherine Eban <katherineeban@gmail.com>

Vanity Fair magazine: seeking archived records on Operation Whitecoat

2 messages

Katherine Eban <katherineeban@gmail.com>

Thu, Jan 26, 2023 at 4:27 PM

To: maureen.p.humphrey-shelton.civ@health.mil

Cc: "Shaw, Siobhan E CIV USARMY CMH (USA)" < siobhan.e.shaw.civ@army.mil>

Dear Ms. Humphrey-Shelton,

I am contacting you at the suggestion of Siobhan Elise Shaw, Chief of Library and Archives at the U.S. Army Center of Military History.

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Katherine Eban <katherineeban@gmail.com>
To: Adam Marshall <amarshall@rcfp.org>

Fri, Feb 3, 2023 at 3:41 PM

So, I didn't submit the FOIA request separately to Ft. Detrick. I wrote to the librarian/archivist there on the same thread that I had been writing to the army, and that included the DOD FOIA request. This is what I sent and that has not been responded to. The very helpful NARA archivist says Fort Detrick is terrible.

I can write to her again and attach the FOIA and start the clock, but she's on a thread with it as well.

-- Katherine
[Quoted text hidden]

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Katherine Eban <katherineeban@gmail.com>

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2 messages

Glover, Willie J (G) Jr CIV USARMY HQDA CIO (USA) <willie.j.glover4.civ@army.mil>

Wed, Feb 22, 2023 at 1:38

To: "katherineeban@gmail.com" <katherineeban@gmail.com>

Cc: "Dickerson, Andrica D CIV USARMY HQDA CIO (USA)" andrica.d.dickerson.civ@army.mil, "martin.gedra@nara.gov" <martin.gedra@nara.gov>

Good Day Ms. Eban,

I hope this email find you in good spirits, the before mention records that are in question are located at the Suitland Record Center in Maryland (WNRC). These records are in Shelved status. You will have to contact the Record's Center office there for your request. Our office is not a records keeping facility. I hope this helps you with your request.

Suitland, MD Washington National Records Center (WNRC)

Krista Donnelly, Assistant Director of Classified Operations

4205 Suitland Road.

Suitland, MD 20746-8001

krista.donnelly@nara.gov

(301) 778-1548

General Transfer Address: suitland.transfer@nara.gov

General Reference Address: suitland.reference@nara.gov

Suitland, MD Washington National Records Center (WNRC)

Shareef Abdul-Jalil, Assistant Director of Unclassified Operations

4205 Suitland Road.

Suitland, MD 20746-8001

shareef.abdul-jalil@nara.gov

(301) 778-1547

General Transfer Address: suitland.transfer@nara.gov

General Reference Address: suitland.reference@nara.gov

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R,

Willie "G" Glover, Jr

Senior Records Administrator, Army

9301 Chapek Rd, Bldg 1458, Ste 1NW2909

Ft Belvoir, VA 22060

Comm: (571) 515-0221, DSN: 94-312-515-0221

E-mail: willie.j.glover4,civ@army.mil

https://ice.disa,mil/index.cfm?fa=card&sp=137788

Katherine Eban <katherineeban@gmail.com>
To: Adam Marshall <amarshall@rcfp.org>

Wed, Feb 22, 2023 at 4:45 PM

Hi Adam,

Wanted to give you an update on where things stand. While the visit to NARA last week was interesting, the records I was able to access related to Fort Detrick, but not Operation Whitecoat specifically.

However, today I got into the Seventh Day Adventist archives in Maryland, and that was revelatory. I found a memo from the Army's head of the Whitecoat program to his superior, stating that he'd informed the church leadership that the program was an offensive bioweapons program (not just a defensive program to develop bioweapons as DOD and church have claimed).

This means there have got to be more Army memos - and I need to access them. As you can see from the below email I received today, I am still being sent hither and yon by the army.

Anyway, I'd be happy to discuss further.

All best, Katherine

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Katherine Eban

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Fwd: [URL Verdict: Neutral][Non-DoD Source] Re: Vanity Fair Magazine: request for records

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From: Krista Donnelly <krista.donnelly@nara.gov>

Date: Mon, Mar 13, 2023 at 10:03 AM

Subject: Re: [URL Verdict: Neutral][Non-DoD Source] Re: Vanity Fair Magazine: request for records

To: Glover, Willie J (G) Jr CIV USARMY HQDA CIO (USA) <willie.j.glover4.civ@army.mil>

Cc: katherineeban@gmail.com <katherineeban@gmail.com>, shareef.abdul-jalil@nara.gov <shareef.abdul-

jalil@nara.gov>

These transfers are here at WNRC, so they are still in Army's legal custody. Army needs to respond to the FOIA.

Krista

Krista Donnelly (pronouns: she/her/hers) Assistant Director, Classified Operations Washington National Records Center 301-778-1548 (office) 301-310-5217 (cell)

On Fri, Mar 10, 2023 at 4:02 PM Glover, Willie J (G) Jr CIV USARMY HQDA CIO (USA) <willie.j.glover4.civ@army.mil > wrote:

Hello Ms. Donnelly,

The only information that I have is the following:

319-2022-0951, 319-2022-0953, and 319-2022-1392 possibly including records on Operation Whitecoat.

I hope this can assist you with the search.

Willie Glover

From: Krista Donnelly krista.donnelly@nara.gov

Sent: Friday, March 10, 2023 3:23 PM

To: Katherine Eban <katherineeban@gmail.com>

Cc: shareef.abdul-jalil@nara.gov; Glover, Willie J (G) Jr CIV USARMY HQDA CIO (USA)

<willie.j.glover4.civ@army.mil>

Subject: [URL Verdict: Neutral][Non-DoD Source] Re: Vanity Fair Magazine: request for records

Hi Katherine.

The records stored at the Washington National Records Center are not in the legal custody of NARA. We only have physical custody. I don't know if any of the records at WNRC are responsive to your request, but if they were, the Army would have to request them and provide them.

Of possible relevance - before the construction of the Archives building in College Park, Maryland (Archives 2) in the early 1990s, WNRC did hold archival records. However, all archival records in WNRC were transferred to Archives 2 when it was completed. There is also an annual process whereby permanently valuable records which have reached the end of their retention period have their legal custody transferred from the owning agency to NARA. When this occurs, the records are moved from WNRC to an archival facility.

If Mr. Glover can provide responsive transfer numbers and box numbers, I can check and see if they are still at WNRC or if they have been transferred to an archival unit. If they are still here, then you will need to work with him to be able to review them.

Krista

Krista Donnelly

(pronouns: she/her/hers)

Assistant Director, Classified Operations

Washington National Records Center

301-778-1548 (office)

301-310-5217 (cell)

On Tue, Mar 7, 2023 at 11:44 AM Katherine Eban katherineeban@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Ms. Donnelly and Mr. Abdul-Jalil,

I am a journalist with Vanity Fair Magazine, and several months ago, submitted a FOIA request to the U.S. Army, seeking records related to Operation Whitecoat, a Fort Detrick-based research program from 1954 to 1973. Please see the attached FOIA.

The senior records administrator for the US Army, Mr. Willie Glover (copied here) advises that the records I am seeking are in the Washington National Records Center in Suitland, MD.

Could you please advise if this is correct, and if so, whether I can get those records pulled for review.

Many thanks, Katherine

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Katherine Eban

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Fwd: FW: Freedom of Information Act Request - Katherine Eban

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From: USARMY Ft Belvoir HQDA ESA Mailbox RMDA FOIA <usarmy.belvoir.hqda-esa.mbx.rmda-foia@army.mil>

Date: Thu, Jun 15, 2023 at 2:45 PM

Subject: RE: [URL Verdict: Neutral][Non-DoD Source] Re: FW: Freedom of Information Act Request - Katherine Eban

To: Katherine Eban <katherineeban@gmail.com>, USARMY Ft Belvoir HQDA ESA Mailbox RMDA FOIA

<usarmy.belvoir.hqda-esa.mbx.rmda-foia@army.mil> Cc: martin.gedra@nara.gov <martin.gedra@nara.gov>

Greetings,

Please be advised that this office serves as the referral point and policy office for the Department of the Army Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Requests for information and documents under the purview of the Army are referred to the proponent agency for appropriate handling in accordance with Army Regulation 25-55, The Army Freedom of Information Act program.

Please be advised, by law, we processes referrals on a first-in, first-out basis. Your request is still in queue to be processed. Our office will contact you if any additional information is required. Otherwise, you will be notified by an action officer once the referral has been processed informing you of which Army Activity it was sent to for processing and direct response to you.

Alternatively, as stated below, for a quicker response, it's always advisable that requesters go directly to the FOIA office that may have responsive records. We have provided the contact information below for your convenience.

U.S. Army Medical Command Requester Service Center

Phone: 210-221-4217

Email: USArmy.Detrick.MEDCOM-USAMRMC.List.FOIA-MRMC@health.mil

Thank you,

DA FOIA Office

From: Katherine Eban <katherineeban@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2023 11:01 AM

To: USARMY Ft Belvoir HQDA ESA Mailbox RMDA FOIA <usarmy.belvoir.hqda-esa.mbx.rmda-foia@army.mil>

Cc: Dickerson, Teresa L CIV USARMY ID-TRAINING (USA) <teresa.l.dickerson4.civ@army.mil>;

martin.gedra@nara.gov

Subject: [URL Verdict: Neutral][Non-DoD Source] Re: FW: Freedom of Information Act Request - Katherine Eban

Exhibit 7

	To Whom it May Concern,		
	I am in receipt of your 3/16 email. Could you:		
	 Confirm that you have forwarded my request to the Medical Command and the referral has been processed? Provide a reference number for my request? 		
	Confirm an estimated date of completion for my request?		
	Thank you,		
	Katherine Eban		
	Nationile Edan		
On Thu, Mar 16, 2023 at 9:45 AM USARMY Ft Belvoir HQDA ESA Mailbox RMDA FOIA <usarmy.belvoir.hqda-esa.mbx.rmda-foia@army.mil> wrote:</usarmy.belvoir.hqda-esa.mbx.rmda-foia@army.mil>			
	Greetings Ms. Eban,		
	Thank you for contacting the Department of the Army pertaining to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. A check of the transfer numbers you provided found the records fall under the purview of U.S Army Medical Research of Infectious Diseases, which is a part of the U.S. Army Medical Research and Material		
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referrals, our processing time has increased.

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If you decide to submit your request directly to USAMRMC, we ask that you please let us know so that we may close out your request in our office, in order to prevent duplicative processing in the Army. Otherwise, we will keep your request in queue and process the referral accordingly.

Thank you,

DA FOIA Office

From: Katherine Eban <katherineeban@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, February 12, 2023 6:25 PM

To: Dickerson, Andrica D CIV USARMY HQDA CIO (USA) <andrica.d.dickerson.civ@army.mil>

Cc: Martin Gedra <martin.gedra@nara.gov>

Subject: [URL Verdict: Neutral][Non-DoD Source] Fwd: [23-20456] Freedom of Information Act Request -

Katherine Eban

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Dear Ms. Dickerson,

I am writing you at the suggestion of Martin Gedra at NARA. I am a journalist with Vanity Fair magazine, and I have attached a FOIA request for records I am seeking related to Operation Whitecoat, an army research project at Fort Detrick that ran from 1954 to 1973.

Mr. Gedra noted that some records may be being transferred to NARA that reference Operation Whitecoat. He cited references to transfers 319-2022-0951, 319-2022-0953, and 319-2022-1392.

I would appreciate a chance to speak with you or hear from you regarding my effort to obtain archival records from Fort Detrick. I can be reached directly at 917-821-9634.

All best, Katherine

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From: Martin Gedra <martin.gedra@nara.gov < Caution-mailto:martin.gedra@nara.gov > >

Date: Fri, Feb 3, 2023 at 11:44 AM

Subject: Fwd: [23-20456] Freedom of Information Act Request - Katherine Eban To: <katherineeban@gmail.com < Caution-mailto:katherineeban@gmail.com > >

Dear Ms. Eban:

This email is in reply to your Freedom of Information Act request of January 23, 2023, for records of Operation Whitecoat and correspondence between the Department of Defense and the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Your request was received in this office on February 1 and has the tracking number 23-20456.

7 6/15/2023, 3:30 PM

Although we did not locate records of the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases, we did identify a few textual accessions which potentially could include records of Operation Whitecoat. We consulted records dealing with activities at Fort Detrick, in particular at the U.S. Army Biological Center, among the Records of the United States Army Materiel Command (Record Group 544). These include UD-WW Entry 411-11, Technical Report Record Files, 1950-1971; UD-WW Entry 402-52, Project Operating Files, 1967-1969; UD-WW Entry 651, Operating Procedure Files, 1964-1965; and UD-WW Entry 401-296, Research and Development Committee Files, 1965-1979. However, we were unable to locate specific records of the testing. Similarly, we consulted A-1 Entry 1037, Subject Files, 1971-1974, among the Records of the Office of the Surgeon General (Army) (Record Group 112), but with similar results. Such records did include periodic reports and progress reports which potentially could include references to the operation, but an initial search did not locate any. Initial searches for correspondence with the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Lt. Col. William Tiggert/Tigert, and Phillip Pittman also were unsuccessful.

Relevant records still may be in the custody of the Army. For the exact location of these files, please contact Andrica Dickerson, Records Management Directorate, 9301 Chapek Road, Building 1458, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060. The email address is andrica.d.dickerson.civ@army.mil < Caution-mailto:andrica.d.dickerson.civ@army.mil > . If the records are in the process of being transferred to our custody, please request the accession or transfer numbers and the box numbers. We have seen references to transfers 319-2022-0951, 319-2022-0953, and 319-2022-1392 possibly including records on Operation Whitecoat, but you will need to contact counterparts at the Army to see if they may be records of interest.

You asked for a waiver of the fees normally charged for providing researchers with copies of archival records. The fee and fee waiver provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), however, do not apply to archival records. The FOIA fee section states that "Nothing in this subparagraph shall supersede fees chargeable under a statute specifically providing for setting the level of fees for particular types of records." [5 U.S.C. 552(a)(4)(vi)]. Accordingly, the NARA fee statute, 44 U.S.C. 2116(c), and implementing regulations at 36 C.F.R. Part 1258, apply exclusively to your request, under which the National Archives does not waive reproduction charges for individual requesters. Our inability to grant you the requested fee waiver does not constitute a denial for the purposes of the FOIA.

In reviewing your request, we have determined that your request for expedited processing does not meet the threshold outlined in NARA's FOIA regulations, specifically 36 CFR 1250.28. However, as we were able to complete your FOIA within the 20 days allotted by the law, your request for expedited processing is moot.

We do not consider this response a denial under the Freedom of Information Act because the records in our custody do not include the information you requested. However, if you are not satisfied with our action on this request, your options for appeal and dispute resolution are outlined in the enclosure. This concludes the processing of your request.

Sincerely,

M. A. GEDRA Textual Reference Archives II Branch (RR2RR) National Archives at College Park, MD

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From: Katherine Eban <katherineeban@gmail.com < Caution-mailto:katherineeban@gmail.com > >

Date: Fri, Jan 27, 2023 at 11:44 AM

Subject: Vanity Fair magazine: records request

To: <foia@nara.gov < Caution-mailto:foia@nara.gov > >

January 27. 2023

To Whom it May Concern:

I am a journalist employed by Vanity Fair, andam seeking records related to Operation Whitecoat, a medical research programthat the US Army conducted with Seventh Day Adventist church volunteers at FortDetrick, Maryland, from 1954 to 1973. I have written two books, can analyze therequested records, and can widely distribute the information to a broaderaudience.

This is a request for records under the Freedomof Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552.

- 1. From a timeframe spanning between Jan 1, 1952and Dec 31, 1976, I am seeking the following records:
 - a) Any and all records oncollaborative projects between the Department of Defense and the Seventh DayAdventist Church. These records should include but are not limited to, letters, telegrams, meeting memos, meeting minutes, agreements/contracts, andtranscriptions or recordings of any conversations or phone calls.
 - b) Any and all records of communications exchanged between military officials and Seventh Day Adventist church officials. The military officials should include but are not limited to:George E. Armstrong, US Army surgeon general; Lieutenant Colonel William D. Tiggertof Walter Reed Medical Center; Phillip R. Pittman, Former Chief, Division of Medicine, USAMRIID, Fort Detrick, MD. The Seventh Day Adventist officials should include but are not limited to: Dr. Frank Damazo, Operation Whitecoatliaison between the U.S. Army and the Seventh Day Adventist church; Theodore R.Flaiz, secretary of the medical department of the General Conference; ElderG.W. Chambers, secretary of the War Service Commission of the Seventh DayAdventist General Conference. These records of communications should includebut are not limited to, letters, telegrams, meeting memos, meeting minutes, agreements, contracts, transcriptions, or recordings of any conversations orphone calls.
 - c) Any and all recordspertaining to Operation Whitecoat's protocols to recruit, evaluate and selectthe Seventh Day Adventist volunteers, or any other volunteers, participating inthe program. These records should include but are not limited to, lists ofparticipants, medical records, agreements/contracts, meeting minutes, meetingmemos, consent forms, waivers, and experiment protocols.

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- d) Any and all recordspertaining to Operation Whitecoat's operations, experiments, and treatmentoffered to participants. These records should include but are not limited to the medical resources provided to participants, physical evaluations, psychological evaluations, and religious counseling.
- e) Any and all recordsrelated to financial compensation, funding, donations, contributions, otherpayments, or other benefits made or received by the Department of Defense orany of its officials to or from The Seventh Day Adventist church or any of itsofficials. The military officials should include but are not limited to: GeorgeE. Armstrong, US Army surgeon general and Lieutenant Colonel William D. Tigertof Walter Reed Medical Center. The Seventh Day Adventist officials shouldinclude but are not limited to: Dr. Frank Damazo, Operation Whitecoat liaisonbetween the army and the church; Theodore R. Flaiz, secretary of the medicaldepartment of the General Conference; Elder G.W. Chambers, secretary of the WarService Commission of the Seventh Day Adventist General Conference. Theserecords should include but are not limited to financial statements, letters,memos, telegrams, reports, receipts, meeting minutes, transcriptions, orrecordings of any conversations or phone calls.

I am seeking the following records from a timeframe between Jan 1st, 1976, through the date the search for responsive recordsis conducted.

- 2) Any and all records pertaining to communications between the Department of Defense and surgeon Dr. Frank Damazo, liaison between the Seventh Day Adventist Church and the U.S. Army. These records may includebut are not limited to: financial statements, payments, letters, memos, telegrams, reports, agreements/contracts, salary compensation, transcriptions, or recordings of any conversations and phone calls.
- 3) Any review, report, follow-up, survey, memoranda,investigation or other documentation, created by the U.S. Army related toOperation Whitecoat, since the program ended in 1976.

DESTROYED RECORDS:

If any records responsive or potentially responsive to my request have beendestroyed, I request any and all records relating to or referring to the destruction of those records. This includes, but is not limited to, any and all records relating or referring to the events leading to the destruction of those records.

REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED PROCESSING:

It is urgent to make these records available tous in an expedited manner because they will help inform reporting that pertains to the public interest.

REQUEST FOR FEE WAIVER:

We are willing to pay any reasonable fees, however, as journalists pursuing information relevant to the public interest, we formally request a fee waiver. We request this waiver under 5 U.S.C.§552(a)(4)(A)(iii) ("Documents

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shall be furnished without any charge ifdisclosure of the information is in the public interest because it is likely tocontribute significantly to public understanding of the operations oractivities of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest ofthe requester.")		
I would like to schedule an appointment to come to the National Archives and view this material. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you haveany questions concerning my request.		
Thank you for your time and attention.		
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