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## **EXHIBIT 10**

## HQ - Ack Letter - 2023-HQFO-01407

From foia@hq.dhs.gov <noreply@securerelease.us>

To Reporter2023@proton.me

Date Tuesday, July 18th, 2023 at 3:48 PM

07/18/2023

SENT VIA E-MAIL TO: Reporter2023@proton.me

Kim Lain The Daily Signal 3309 Kleinmann Ave Galveston, Texas 77551

Re: 2023-HQF0-01407

Dear Ms. Lain:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your 4/19/2023, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), for:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, and the implementing FOIA regulations of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), 6 CFR Part 5, I respectfully request the following records from January 1, 2021, to the present containing the following terms: 1. "wristband!"; or 2. "bracelet!" Please limit this search to the following custodians: (1) Secretary Mayorkas; (2) the

Office of the Executive Secretary; (3) any person within Secretary Mayorkas' Office. "!" denotes a root expander for the purpose of this Request.

Please see attached. This office received your request on 4/19/2023.

Due to the increasing number of FOIA requests received by this office, we may encounter some delay in processing your request. Consistent with 6 C.F.R. Part 5 § 5.5(a) of the DHS FOIA regulations, the Department processes FOIA requests according to their order of receipt. Although DHS' goal is to respond within 20 business days of receipt of your request, FOIA does permit a 10-day extension of this time period in certain circumstances pursuant to 6 C.F.R. Part 5 § 5.5(c).As your request seeks documents that will require a thorough and wide-ranging search, DHS will invoke a 1012/18/23, 2:57 PM Case 3:23-cv-00404 Document (1)-1644x Reject 2018 22/23.1/20 interaction For your request pursuant to 6 C.F.R. Part 5 § 5.5(c). If you would like to narrow the scope of your request, please contact our office. We will make every effort to comply with your request in a timely manner.

Provisions of the FOIA allow us to recover part of the cost of complying with your request. We shall charge you for records in accordance with the DHS FOIA regulations, as they apply to media requesters. As a media requester, you will be charged 10 cents per page for duplication; the first 100 pages are free. You stated in your request that you are willing to pay assessable fees up to \$50.00. This office will contact you before accruing any additional fees.

We have queried the appropriate component(s) of DHS for responsive records. If any responsive records are located, they will be reviewed for determination of releasability. Please be assured that one of the analysts in our office will respond to your request as expeditiously as possible. We appreciate your patience as we proceed with your request.

Your request has been assigned reference number 2023-HQFO-01407. Please refer to this identifier in any future correspondence. The status of your FOIA request is now available online and can be accessed at: https://foiarequest.dhs.gov/app/CheckStatus.aspx, by using this FOIA request number. Status information is updated daily.

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss this matter, please feel free to contact this office at 1-866-431-0486 or 202-343-1743.

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