

EXHIBIT A

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Freedom of Information Act Officer
Office of Privacy, Records and Disclosures
Special Inspector General for Afghanistan
2530 Crystal Drive
Arlington, VA 22202-3940

Dear FOIA Officer,

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, for access to and copies of the following records:

Transcripts, reports, audio recordings and video recordings of interviews conducted by SIGAR's Lessons Learned Program with Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn (U.S. Army, retired). Upon information and belief, LTG Flynn was interviewed as part of SIGAR's Lessons Learned Program sometime in 2015 or 2016. Please include any notes, tabs, emails, appendices or other documentation related to the interviews.

If you regard any of these records as exempt from disclosure under the Act, I hereby request that you exercise your discretion to disclose them (unless otherwise prohibited from doing so). If you deny this request in whole or in part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the Act, and that you provide all non-exempt portions that are reasonably segregable.

I further request that you disclose the listed documents, as they become available to you, without waiting until all the documents have been assembled.

I further request expedited processing of this request for records. As a journalist for The Washington Post, I am assigned full-time to cover national security and am primarily engaged in disseminating information to our worldwide readership. Further, the records I am seeking are urgently needed in order to inform the public concerning government activity, specifically regarding the views of LTG Flynn while he was serving in the Army and the Defense Intelligence Agency.

LTG Flynn's views on foreign policy, counterterrorism and national security have resurfaced as an important breaking news story in recent weeks due to his status as an adviser on such matters to Donald Trump, the Republican Party nominee for President of the United States. The Washington Post has published numerous articles in recent weeks regarding LTG Flynn's views on the U.S. government's counterterrorism strategy, its

operations in Afghanistan and the Middle East, its policy toward Russia and its relations with NATO allies. LTG Flynn was a prominent speaker at the Republican National Convention in July and is widely considered to be a candidate for a high-ranking position in the new administration should Trump win the presidency. A delay in releasing records of LTG Flynn's interviews with SIGAR's Lessons Learned Program could undermine public confidence not only in the government's policy toward counterterrorism and Afghanistan, but also in the whole premise of SIGAR's Lessons Learned Program.

A delay in releasing records about senior officer misconduct could undermine public confidence in the DoDIG's ability to fairly and thoroughly investigate such incidents.

For purposes of FOIA fee assessments, I request that you waive all fees in the public interest. The furnishing of the information sought by this request is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of government because it will result in a news article in The Washington Post. The information being sought is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester. If you decline to waive all fees, I am prepared to pay your normal fees for news media requesters. Please notify me if you expect the processing fees to exceed \$100.

If I can answer any questions or be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-334-6826 (office) or by email at greg.miller@washpost.com. As the FOIA requires, I look forward to your response within twenty (20) working days.

Sincerely yours,

Greg Miller
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