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BY EMAIL

Re: Request for Public Records

Dear Mr. Craven:

We have received your request for public records dated June 4, 2018. You requested all email correspondence with officials in Gov. Phil Scott's office and officials at the Vermont National Guard including, but not limited to, Maj. Gen. Steven A. Cray.

As you are aware, our search tool was not working correctly when searching staff no longer employed by this office but would be part of your requested time of January 20, 2017 to present. In working with our IT staff, we have since resolved the issue.

As you are also aware from previous correspondence from Jaye Johnson, the Governor's Legal Counsel, the @mail.mil was too voluminous to easily produce, however we searched that universe of emails using the search terms "f35," "digger," "base," "greco," Leahy," and "plane" as you requested.

Except as set forth herein, all documents responsive to your request, as amended, are attached with this email. Certain records have been redacted or withheld to the extent they are exempt from disclosure under 1 V.S.A. 317(c)(4), including those which were prepared for the purpose of formulating policy and making decisions. Certain information, specifically deployment details, has been redacted pursuant to 1 V.S.A. 317(25) (information, the disclosure of which could threaten the safety of persons or security of public property).

I certify, as required by 1 VSA §318(a)(2), that I consider the redacted and withheld materials to be exempt from disclosure. You have the right to appeal, as explained in 1 VSA §318, to Jason Gibbs, Chief of Staff, relative to my certification of the records as exempt.

Although this request has taken a substantial amount of time, we will not be charging for the request but reserve the right to do so for future requests.

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Once again, thank you for your patience.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Karen Pallas". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Karen" and last name "Pallas" clearly distinguishable.

Karen Pallas
Records Officer