

## **AFOSI HQ-FOIA REQUEST**

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**From:** AFOSI HQ-FOIA REQUEST  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 7, 2017 8:05 AM  
**To:** 'johnmaher8724@hotmail.com'  
**Subject:** Letter of Acknowledgement Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request  
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Dear Mr. Maher

This is in response to your 22 October 2017 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted via the Public Access Link. Your request seeks information regarding an attack near Bagram, Afghanistan on 21 December 2015 and you requested expedited processing for your request. Your request was assigned tracking number AF 2018-00255-F.

In accordance with DoD 5400.7-R, our office has 10 calendar days to provide a response as to whether your request meets the criteria for expedited processing. We apologize for not meeting this requirement. Further, DoD 5400.7-R requires a requester to demonstrate a compelling need based upon the following criteria: 1) failure to obtain the records on an expedited basis could pose an imminent threat to life or physical safety of an individual; or (2) the information is urgently needed by an individual primarily engaged in disseminating information in order to inform the public about actual or alleged Federal Government activity; or (3) failure to obtain the records on an expedited basis could lead to an imminent loss of substantial due process right; or (4) release would serve a humanitarian need by promoting the welfare and interests of mankind. We have determined that your request does not meet the existing criteria, and therefore we are denying your request for expedited processing.

To ensure fairness to all families, we are required to process all FOIA requests on a "first in, first out" basis, in accordance with Federal Law, DoD and Air Force Instructions. Many of these requests involve the loss of loved ones, sexual assaults and other sensitive matters. As such, requests could take a minimum of 6 months to substantially longer to complete based upon the number and complexity of your case or the cases that precede it or other mitigating circumstances.

This letter constitutes a denial of your expedited processing request. Should you decide that an appeal to this decision is necessary, you must write to the Secretary of the Air Force by email at [afosi\\_hq\\_foia\\_request@us.af.mil](mailto:afosi_hq_foia_request@us.af.mil), by mail to AFOSI/XILI, ATTN: FOIA Office, 27130 Telegraph Rd, Quantico, VA 22134, or by fax to (571) 305-8229 no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Include your reason(s) for reconsideration and attach a copy of this letter.

If you need to contact us about your request you may write to the address above and reference AF 2018-00255-F. You may also contact the FOIA/PA administrators via email at [afosi\\_hq\\_foia\\_request@us.af.mil](mailto:afosi_hq_foia_request@us.af.mil), or telephonically at (571) 305-8120 or (517) 305-8044.

You may also contact the Air Force FOIA Public Liaison Officer, Ms. Anh Trinh, concerning this matter at AF FOIA Public Liaison Office (SAF/CIO A6XA), 1800 Air Force Pentagon, Washington, DC 20330-1800, [usaf.pentagon.saf-cio-a6.mbx.af-foia@mail.mil](mailto:usaf.pentagon.saf-cio-a6.mbx.af-foia@mail.mil) or (703) 614-8500.

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 offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

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