

# **Exhibit C**

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**Sent:** Monday, February 26, 2018 3:11 PM  
**To:** ARLINGTON, JOHN G (SES) CIV SIGAR GEN COUN (US)  
**Cc:** LaVelle, Philip J CIV (US); Weaver, Adam J CIV (US); McLaughlin, James  
**Subject:** RE: SIGAR Lessons Learned Program Records Request

Dear Mr. Arlington,

Thanks again for your detailed response on Friday regarding my March 23, 2017 FOIA request (#2017-F-014) for records from SIGAR's Lessons Learned program.

First, thank you for finally granting the FOIA request for the audio recordings and interview transcripts. Could you please provide an estimated timetable for when you expect to release the 16 remaining audio recordings and the 23 other "verbatim" transcripts, as listed in the spreadsheet your office provided?

Second, to be clear, as part of my March 23, 2017 FOIA request, The Washington Post is requesting all records of interviews conducted as part of SIGAR's Lessons Learned Program. SIGAR and The Post appear to have differing views on what constitutes a "transcript," as opposed to "notes." Just to avoid any confusion, The Post would like all records related to interviews conducted to SIGAR's Lessons Learned Program, including, but not limited to, transcripts, verbatim transcripts, handwritten and typed notes, records of interviews, audio recordings, video recordings, interview excerpts and interview summaries. Please also include any spreadsheets, databases or datasets – in addition to the one you provided on Friday -- that track, list or index the interviews conducted for the Lessons Learned Program, along with any associated record layouts or field descriptions.

Third, you stated that the majority of the 410 interviews were conducted without either a transcript or a recording, including the interview that SIGAR conducted with Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn. As you know, in response to The Post's FOIA lawsuit seeking a transcript and audio recording of the Flynn interview, SIGAR disclosed a partially redacted 10-page document on Dec. 25, 2017. This document is labeled, "LESSONS LEARNED RECORD OF INTERVIEW", and includes a header with such information as, Project Title and Code, Interview Title, Interview Code, Date/Time, Location, Purpose, Interviewees, Sourcing Conditions, etc. Is the format of the Flynn document and header the same – or substantially the same – as the "notes" from the 381 other interviews for which you say no transcript exists? In other words, was a "Record of Interview" generated from each of those 381 interviews? Or are there different formats or categories of "notes" from those interviews?

Please let me know if I can assist further or answer any other questions. I've copied James McLaughlin, The Post's deputy counsel and director of government affairs, on this email. If you could please include him in our future communications, I'd appreciate it. Thanks again for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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