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U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, DC 20528



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## SENT VIA E-MAIL TO: 8756-53141331@REQUESTS.MUCKROCK.COM Shawn Musgrave

Dear Mr. Musgrave:

Re: 2014-HQNPPD-00054

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), dated November 3, 2013, and received by this office on November 13, 2013. You are seeking "All memoranda or briefings regarding the animated TV show "Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D." "All communications between the agency and ABC (American Broadcasting Company), Joss Whedon and/or the production team of the animated TV show "Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D."

We conducted a comprehensive search within the National Protection and Programs Directorate (NPPD) for records that would be responsive to your request. We did not locate or identify any records that are responsive to your request.

While an adequate search was conducted, you have the right to appeal this determination that no records exist within NPPD that would be responsive to your request. Should you wish to do so, you must send your appeal and a copy of this letter, within 60 days of the date of this letter, to: Associate General Counsel (General Law), U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Washington, D.C. 20528, following the procedures outlined in the DHS FOIA regulations at 6 C.F.R. § 5.9. Your envelope and letter should be marked "FOIA Appeal." Copies of the FOIA and DHS regulations are available at <a href="https://www.dhs.gov/foia">www.dhs.gov/foia</a>.

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Provisions of the FOIA allow us to recover part of the cost of complying with your request. In this instance, because the cost is below the \$14.00 minimum, there is no charge.

If you need to contact our office concerning this request, please call 703-235-2211 and refer to **2014-HQNPPD-00054**.

Sincerely,

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FOIA Officer