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FOIA Division
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FOIA Case Number: TSA11-0277

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated December 18, 2011, in which you requested a copy of the contents of the administrative processing/tracking file/folder/notes, including emails, notes, memos, letters, correspondence associated with the ten oldest pending FOIA requests and the two oldest pending FOIA appeals at the Transportation Security Administration (TSA). Your request has been processed under the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552.

A reasonable search within TSA was conducted and 369 pages responsive to your request were located. These pages have been reviewed and portions are being withheld pursuant to Exemptions (b)(2), (b)(5), and (b)(6). In addition, 63 pages are being withheld in their entirety pursuant to Exemption (b)(5). A more detailed explanation of these exemptions is outlined below.

During our review of responsive documents, we found some information out of the scope of your request. These portions are considered non-responsive and therefore they have been redacted.

Please note that FOIA number TSA08-0572 and appeal numbers TSA11-0191 and TSA11-0734 were recently closed and, therefore, are no longer considered pending.

Exemption (b)(2)

Exemption (b)(2) exempts from mandatory disclosure records that are "related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency." We have determined that certain portions of the requested records contain personnel rules and/or internal practices of the TSA and are thus properly withheld from disclosure under this exemption.

Exemption (b)(5)

Exemption (b)(5) protects from disclosure those inter- or intra-agency documents that are normally privileged in the civil discovery context. The three most frequently invoked privileges are the deliberative process privilege, the attorney work-product privilege, and the attorney-client privilege. Of those, we have determined that information in the documents you have requested is appropriately withheld under the deliberative process and attorney work-product privileges. Under the deliberative process privilege, disclosure of those records would injure the quality of future agency decisions by discouraging the open and frank policy discussions between subordinates and superiors. Secondly, the attorney work-product privilege protects the adversarial trial process by insulating the attorney's preparation from scrutiny.

Exemption (b)(6)

Exemption (b)(6) permits the government to withhold all identifying information that applies to a particular individual when the disclosure of such information "would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." This requires the balancing of the public's right to disclosure against the individual's right to privacy. After performing this analysis, we have determined that the privacy interest in the identities of the individuals in the records you have requested outweigh any minimal public interest in disclosure of the information. Please note that any personal interest you may have in that information does not factor into the aforementioned balancing test.

Fees

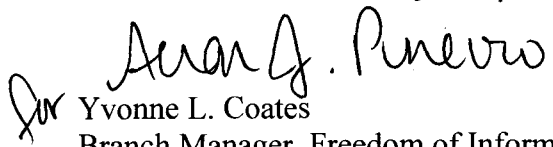
The fees incurred to process this request do not exceed the minimum threshold necessary for charge and, therefore, there is no fee associated with the processing of your request.

Administrative Appeal

In the event that you wish to appeal this determination, an administrative appeal may be made in writing to Kimberly Walton, Assistant Administrator, Office of Civil Rights & Liberties, Ombudsman and Traveler Engagement (CRL/OTE), Transportation Security Administration, 601 South 12th Street, East Building, E7-121S, Arlington, VA 20598-6033. Your appeal **must be submitted within 60 days** from the date of this determination. It should contain your FOIA request number and state, to the extent possible, the reasons why you believe the initial determination should be reversed. In addition, the envelope in which the appeal is mailed in should be prominently marked "FOIA Appeal." Please note that the Assistant Administrator's determination of the appeal will be administratively final.

If you have any questions pertaining to your request, please feel free to contact the FOIA Office at 1-866-364-2872 or locally at 571-227-2300.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Yvonne L. Coates".

Yvonne L. Coates
Branch Manager, Freedom of Information Act Office
Office of Civil Rights & Liberties,
Ombudsman and Traveler Engagement
Transportation Security Administration

Enclosure

The National Security Archive

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October 27, 2004

Transportation Security Administration
TSA-20, West Tower
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601 South 12th Street
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Fax: 571-227-1406

TSA05-0067

10-27-04

11-10-04

Re: Request under the FOIA, in reply please refer to Archive # 20041199TSA001

To the FOIA Division:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), I hereby request copies of the following:

The following documents referenced in Chapter 3, The 9/11 Commission Report, "Counterterrorism Evolves."

Please note, the number following each document citation in parentheses is the endnote of that document as referenced in the 9/11 Commission Report.

1. FAA report, Aviation Security Advisory Committee, "Domestic Security Baseline Final Report," Dec. 12, 1996 [50]
2. FAA report, "Civil Aviation Security: Objectives and Priorities," Mar. 18, 1996 (staff working paper) [50]
3. FAA report, "Civil Aviation Security Reference Handbook," May 1999 [50]
4. ✓ FAA report, "Air Carrier Standard Security Program," May 2001 [51, 60]
5. ✓ FAA security directive, "Threat to Air Carriers," SD 97-01, Oct. 27, 1997 [54]
6. ✓ FAA security directive, "Threat to U.S. Air Carriers," SD 95, Apr. 24, 2000 [54]
7. ✓ FAA security directive, "Threat to U.S. Aircraft Operators," SD 108-1, Aug. 21, 2001 [54]
8. ✓ FAA security directive, "Threat to Air Carriers," SD 96-05, Aug. 19, 1996 [55]
9. ✓ FAA report, "Air Carrier Standard Security Program," May 2001 [56]
10. ✓ FAA regulations, "Screening of Passengers and Property," 14 C.F.R. § 108.9 (1999) [56]
11. FAA regulations, Air Carriers Checkpoint Operations Guide, Aug. 1999 [57]
12. Air Transport Association Regional Airlines Association report, "Checkpoint Operations Guide," Aug. 1999 [57]
13. FAA report, "The Threat to U.S. Civil Aviation in the United States," Sept. 1994 [57]
14. FAA records, Intelligence Case File 98-96 [58]
15. ✓ FAA briefing materials, "FAA Hearing/Briefing Activity Prior to September 11, 2001," undated [111]

These documents fall under Executive Order 13356 signed by President George W. Bush on August 27, 2004. "Executive Order Strengthening the Sharing of Terrorism Information to Protect Americans," requires the intelligence community's "records and reports related to terrorism information to be produced with multiple versions at an unclassified level and at varying levels of classification," "creating unclassified versions for distribution wherever possible," and these versions are "to be shared free of originator controls." (This order is posted at www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2004/08/20040827-4.html). As the documents sought by this FOIA request remain unequivocally classifiable as "terrorism information," the president's order requires the TSA to undertake a declassification review and prepare unclassified versions.

Furthermore, it is difficult to imagine materials that are of greater interest to the public. The materials sought by this FOIA request are central to the public debate on the events of September 11, 2001 and are essential components to an informed public discourse on terrorism policy that will serve to hold U.S. officials accountable for their actions or inactions. Such accountability and informed public debate are fundamental principles of the Freedom of Information Act.

Additionally, the substance of these documents has already been released to the public by way of the 9/11 Commission Report. Without compromising sensitive information, the Commission's Report directly quotes these documents, paraphrases information from these materials and summarizes their findings. If the substance can be released, then it is certain that portions of the documents themselves can also be shared.

If you regard any of these documents as potentially exempt from the FOIA's disclosure requirements, I request that you nonetheless exercise your discretion to disclose them. As the FOIA requires, please release all reasonably segregable nonexempt portions of documents. To permit me to reach an intelligent and informed decision whether or not to file an administrative appeal of any denied material please describe any withheld records (or portions thereof) and explain the basis for your exemption claims.

The National Security Archive qualifies for waiver of search and review fees as a representative of the news media. For details on the Archive's research and publication activities, please see our Web site at the address above. Please notify me before incurring photocopying costs over \$100.

To expedite the release of the requested documents, please disclose them on an interim basis as they become available to you, without waiting until all the documents have been processed. If you have any questions regarding the identity of these records, their location, the scope of the request or any other matters, please call me at (b)(6) or e-mail (b)(6)@gwu.edu. I look forward to your response, thank you.

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

Freedom of Information Coordinator

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) Privacy Act Division

FOIA NUMBER

Date Rec'd: 10/27/2004

TSA05-0067

Suspense: 11/10/2004

FROM: (b)(6)

The National Security Archive

ACTION OFFICE(s): TSA-10 (b)(6) TSA-23 (b)(6)

The attached request is to be responded to ONLY by the FOIA Office. Please return information requested to TSA-20 Rm: 11th floor, 120S, West Tower. If you require any assistance, please contact (b)(6) 571-227- (b)(2), (b)(6) NOTE: The law requires that the request be answered within 20 working days of receipt. Cognizant offices are expected to respond by the suspense date.

Conduct a search for records, *including e-mail records*, responsive to the attached request and forward a *legible copy (not the original) of all responsive records found* to this office for further processing. If no records exist, a written negative report is required.

Identify any information in the responsive records you found during your search that you believe should be withheld, and explain why you believe its release would be harmful.

Estimate the direct search costs that you believe would be incurred in determining whether records responsive to the attached request are in your files. **Do not initiate a search unless further advised by this office.**

COMMENTS:

- See attached -

Indicate where you searched and what type of file the responsive documents were found in i.e., on desk, emails, filed by name, filed by SSN, in a general file. You may have responsive documents coming from multiple categories, please indicate for each document.

SEARCH		<u>ACTION OFFICE</u>		<u>ATTORNEY</u>	
TIME (Hrs)	PAY BAND	PROCESSING TIME (Hrs)	PAY BAND	TIME (Hrs)	PAY BAND
<i>2 hours</i>	<i>I</i>				

DATE SEARCH BEGAN _____

This is to certify that all program files pertaining to the FOIA request have been searched and copies of all documents located have been furnished to the FOIA Office.

(b)(6)

SIGNATURE OF INDIVIDUAL CERTIFYING ABOVE

11/10/04
DATE SIGNED

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Date: November 30, 2004
Subject: FOIA Review: TSA05-0067
From: Acting Director, AvOps Litigation Support and Special Activities
To: Catrina Pavlik, Associate Director, FOIA/PA Division
~~Through: Kay Payne, Director, AvOps Correspondence Office~~

There were two documents included in the referenced request from your office for Sensitive Security Review, viz.:

FAA Report, "Air Carrier Standard Security Program," May 2001 (submitted in response to bullets #4 and #9 of the request), and

FAA Report, "Aviation Security Advisory Committee, Domestic Security Baseline Final Report," Dec. 12, 1996 (submitted in response to bullet #1 of the request).

The first of the two (for bullets #4 and #9) has been reviewed for Sensitive Security Information under FOIA Exemption 3. The entire document is SSI, and it should be withheld.

With respect to the second document (for bullet #1), this office reviewed the copy submitted to us and, after comparing it to an original in our files, determined that it was not responsive. However, our office is in possession of a bound copy of the document. It is responsive to the request. An adequate SSI review of that document will take additional time. As an interim response, we are returning your file folder with both the reviewed document and the un-reviewed document for appropriate disposition. Although your file is returned, we consider your request open still, pending the completion of the additional review.

If, during your review or that of the Office of Chief Counsel, any questions arise regarding the recommendations made by this office, please feel free to contact me on extension 7 [REDACTED].

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

Attachments: TSA05-0067-S1



Transportation
Security
Administration

Date: December 7, 2004
Subject: FOIA: TSA05-0067, Records Production Request
From: Acting Director, AvOps Litigation Support and Special Activities
To: Catrina Pavlik, Associate Director, FOIA/PA Division

A search of the records of this office has produced the following record that appears to be responsive to the request (Our description attempts to match the exact wording of the request):

FOIA Item #	Description	TSA-7 Internal Tracking No.	Format (hard- or soft-copy)
2	FAA Report, "Civil Aviation Security: Objectives and Priorities," Mar. 18, 1999 (staff working paper) [50]	8152 - P	Hard copy

Two copies of this record are attached. Please proceed with your SSI review of the record.

We have completed our search for records responsive to this request, so you should consider this the final production response. Thank you for the assistance your office provided by copying the voluminous records produced in our search. With respect to the requestor's item (bullet) number ten, "FAA regulations, 'Screening of Passengers and Property,' 14 C.F.R. Sect. 108.9 (1999) [56]," that document can be obtained from the website of the Federal Register. In addition, with respect to Item 13, "FAA Report, 'The Threat to U.S. Civil Aviation in the United States, Sept. 1994' [57]" and Item 14, "FAA Records, Intelligence Case File 98-96 [58]," we believe that the Transportation Security Intelligence Service is the proper office to respond to the request for production. If any questions arise regarding the records produced by this office, please feel free to contact me on extension 7 (b)(2), (b)(6)

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

Attachment: See Above



Transportation
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Date: December 21, 2004
Subject: FOIA TSA05-0067, SSI Review Request
From: Acting Director, AvOps Litigation Support and Special Activities
To: Catrina Pavlik, Associate Director, FOIA/PA Division

As per our memorandum of December 1, 2004, a search of the files of this office produced the following records that appeared to be responsive to the request (Our description attempts to match the exact wording of the request):

FOIA Item #	Description	TSA-7 Internal Tracking No.	Format
5	FAA security directive, "Threat to Air Carriers," SD 97-01, Oct. 27, 1997 [54]	8062	Hard
6	FAA security directive, "Threat to U.S. Air Carriers," SD 95, Apr. 24, 2000 [54]	8062	Hard
7	FAA security directive, "Threat to U.S. Aircraft Operators," SD 108-1, Aug. 28, 2001 [54]	8062	Hard
8	FAA security directive, "Threat to Air Carriers," SD 96-05, Aug. 19, 1996 [55]	8066	Hard

Copies of these records were attached to the December 1st memorandum. We have completed our SSI review of these records, using copies that we retained for that purpose. We are transmitting the redacted copies as attachments to this memorandum. In the production phase, Items 5, 6 and 7 were provided in soft copy (compact disc). For clarity in the review phase, we are forwarding redacted hard copies.

Our shorthand for redaction citations, as you know, is to note the paragraph within 49 CFR 1520.5(b). Thus, for example: (6)(i) means Exemption 3 -- 49 CFR 1520.5(b)(6)(i). The term "RE" is shorthand for "release," meaning to "ignore any previous redactions because this information is not SSI and Exemption 3 does not apply"; the term "WIF" is shorthand for

“withhold this entire page [or document] in full”; “RIF” means “this entire page [or document] is not SSI and Exemption 3 does not apply.”

We are continuing to examine other records responsive to this request for SSI content, so you should consider this an interim response. If any questions arise regarding the records produced by this office, please feel free to contact me on extension 7-^{(b)(2)} ^{(b)(6)}

Sincerely,

for (b)(6)

Attachments



Transportation
Security
Administration

Date: December 21, 2004

Subject: FOIA TSA05-0067, SSI Review Request

From: Acting Director, AvOps Litigation Support and Special Activities

To: Catrina Pavlik, Associate Director, FOIA/PA Division

As per our memorandum of December 1, 2004, a search of the files of this office produced the following record that appeared to be responsive to the request (Our description attempts to match the exact wording of the request):

FOIA Item #	Description	TSA-7 Internal Tracking No.	Format
15	FAA briefing materials, "FAA Hearing/Briefing Activity Prior to September 1, 2001," undated [111]	8070-6	Hard

A copy of this record was attached to the December 1st memorandum. We have completed our SSI review of this record, using a copy that we retained for that purpose. We are transmitting the redacted copy as an attachment to this memorandum.

Our shorthand for redaction citations, as you know, is to note the paragraph within 49 CFR 1520.5(b). Thus, for example: (6)(i) means Exemption 3 – 49 CFR 1520.5(b)(6)(i). The term "RE" is shorthand for "release," meaning to "ignore any previous redactions because this information is not SSI and Exemption 3 does not apply"; the term "WIF" is shorthand for

“withhold this entire page [or document] in full”; “RIF” means “this entire page [or document] is not SSI and Exemption 3 does not apply.”

Item No. 15 contained no SSI, and accordingly was marked “RIF.”

We are continuing to examine other records responsive to this request for SSI content, so you should consider this an interim response. If any questions arise regarding the records produced by this office, please feel free to contact me on extension 7 ^{(b)(2), (b)(6)}

Sincerely,

 **(b)(6)**

Attachments



Transportation
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Date: December 22, 2004
Subject: FOIA: TSA05-0067, Records Production Request
From: Acting Director, AvOps Litigation Support and Special Activities
To: Catrina Pavlik, Associate Director, FOIA/PA Division

A search of the files of this office has not able to produce the following records:

FOIA Item #	Description	TSA-7 Internal Tracking No.	Format (hard- or soft-copy)	Page Size
1	13	"FAA Report, "The Threat to Civil Aviation in the United States," Sept. 1994 3 [57]		Could not find this document.
2	14	Intelligence Case File 98-96 3 [58]		Could not find this document.

Of the total of 15 records requested in this FOIA, to date we have provided 11 records (under separate covers) and we cannot find the two described in the table above. As for the others, one (Item No.10) is a public document and the other (Item No. 1) may have other classification issues which this office is resolving prior to production.

If any questions arise regarding these records that could not be located, please feel free to contact me on extension 7-^{(b)(2), (b)(6)}

Sincerely,

for
(b)(6)

Attachment: (none)



Transportation
Security
Administration

Date: December 30, 2004

Subject: FOIA TSA05-0067, SSI Review Request

From: Acting Director, AvOps Litigation Support and Special Activities

To: Catrina Pavlik, Associate Director, FOIA/PA Division

As per our memorandum of December 1, 2004, a search of the files of this office produced the following records that appeared to be responsive to the request (our description attempts to match the exact wording of the request). As stated in that memorandum, requestor's items No. 11 and No. 12 were for the same record.

FOIA Item #	Description	TSA-7 Internal Tracking No.	Format
11	FAA Regulations, Air Carriers Checkpoint Operations Guide, Aug. 1999 3 [57]	8092	Hard
12	Air Transport Association Regional Airlines Association Report. "Checkpoint Operations Guide," Aug. 1999 3 [57]	8092	Hard

A copy of this record was attached to the December 1st memorandum. We have completed our SSI review of this record, using a copy that we retained for that purpose. We are transmitting the redacted copy as an attachment to this memorandum.

Various portions of the instant record were redacted under (1)(i), (4)(i), (5), (8)(i), (9)(i), and/or (9)(vi).

We are continuing to examine other records responsive to this request for SSI content, so you should consider this an interim response. If any questions arise regarding the records produced by this office, please feel free to contact me on extension 7-(b)(2), (b)(6)

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

Attachment: TN 8092



Transportation
Security
Administration

Date: December 16, 2005

Subject: FOIA: TSA05-0067 S9 (partial)

From: Director, SSI Program Office
Office of the Chief of Staff

To: Catrina Pavlik, Associate Director, FOIA/PA Division
Transportation Security Administration

Per your request, the attached file has been reviewed for Sensitive Security Information (SSI). The information identified as SSI reveals performance specifications, security inspection or investigative information, security measures, and security screening information. Therefore, the information in the file should be withheld under FOIA Exemption 3 – 49 CFR 1520.5(b)(4i), (6ii), (8i) and (9i). Please note that additional FOIA exemptions might apply to other portions of the documents.

Our shorthand for redaction citations, as you know, is to note the paragraph within 49 CFR 1520.5(b). Thus, for example: (6i) means Exemption 3 – 49 CFR 1520.5(b)(6i). The term “RLS” is shorthand for release, meaning to “ignore any previous SSI redactions because this information is not SSI and Exemption 3 does not apply”; the term “WIF” is shorthand for “withhold this entire page [or document] in full”; “RIF” means “this entire page [or document] is not SSI and Exemption 3 does not apply.”

If, during your review or that of the Office of Chief Counsel, any questions arise regarding the recommendations made by this office, please feel free to contact me on extension 7 (b)(2) (b)(6)

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

Attachments: TSA05-0067 S9 (partial)



Transportation
Security
Administration

Date: May 12, 2006
Subject: FOIA: TSA05-0067 S9
From: Director, SSI Office
Office of the Special Counselor
To: Catrina Pavlik, Associate Director, FOIA/PA Division
Transportation Security Administration

Per your request, the attached files have been reviewed for Sensitive Security Information (SSI). The information identified as SSI reveals security programs and contingency plans, security directives, performance specifications, vulnerability assessments, security inspection or investigative information, threat information, security measures, and security screening information. Therefore, the information in the file should be withheld under FOIA Exemption 3 – 49 CFR 1520.5(b)(1)(i), (2)(i), (4)(i), (5), (6)(ii), (7), (8)(i), (8)(ii), (9)(i) and (9)(v). Please note that additional FOIA exemptions might apply to other portions of the documents.

Our shorthand for redaction citations, as you know, is to note the paragraph within 49 CFR 1520.5(b). Thus, for example: (6)(i) means Exemption 3 – 49 CFR 1520.5(b)(6)(i). The term “RLS” is shorthand for release, meaning to “ignore any previous SSI redactions because this information is not SSI and Exemption 3 does not apply”; the term “WIF” is shorthand for “withhold this entire page [or document] in full”; “RIF” means “this entire page [or document] is not SSI and Exemption 3 does not apply.”

If, during your review or that of the Office of Chief Counsel, any questions arise regarding the recommendations made by this office, please feel free to contact us on extension 7-3513.

(b)(6)

Andrew Colsky

Attachments: TSA05-0067 S9

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT
REVIEW/REDACTION OF RESPONSIVE
SSI DOCUMENTS**

MANDATORY CONCURRENCE REQUIRED

FOIA NUMBER TSA05-0067 59

Expected Due Date:

CONCURRING FOR THE RELEASE/WITHHOLDING OF THESE DOCUMENTS DENOTES THAT THE SIGNED INDIVIDUAL LISTED BELOW HAS REVIEWED THIS DOCUMENT(S)/MADE REDACTIONS (IF NECESSARY) AND HAS DETERMINED THAT THE DOCUMENTS(S) ARE RELEASABLE/WITHHOLDABLE AS INDICATED, AND THAT ALL SENSITIVE SECURITY INFORMATION HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AND REDACTED

SIGNATURE OF CONCURRENCE (REQUIRED)

(b)(6)

PRINT INDIVIDUAL'S LISTED ABOVE NAME

WORK TIME 4

PAY GRADE: J

DATE OF CONCURRENCE 1/23/2006

ROUTING SYMBOL TSA-1 (Office of Special Counselor)

PHONE EXTENSION 7-2277

SIGNATURE OF CONCURRENCE (REQUIRED)

(b)(6)

PRINT INDIVIDUAL'S LISTED ABOVE NAME

WORK TIME 12

PAY GRADE: I

DATE OF CONCURRENCE 11/18/2005

ROUTING SYMBOL TSA-1 (Office of Special Counselor)

PHONE EXTENSION 7-2749

Total Review Time: 28

SSI Review Request In-Take Form - FOIA

*This form should only be completed and submitted by a member of
TSA's FOIA Office*

Please complete the top portion of this form and email it to SSI@dhs.gov.

Request Form's instructions and related FAQs are available at TSA's Intranet [future]

For guidance regarding sending SSI, see SSI Policy document titled "[future]" (#)

1. TSA FOIA OFFICE COORDINATOR'S INFORMATION			
(a) Name	(b)(6)	(b) Phone ext.	7- (b)(2) (b)(6)
(c) Backup's Name	(b)(6)	(d) Phone ext.	7- (b)(6)
2. DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENT			
(a) FOIA Number:	TSA05-67		
(b) Originating Program Office	AVOPs Litigation Support and Special Activities		
(c) Total Page Count (not including request)	775		
3. REQUEST DETAILS			
(a) Name of FOIA Requestor	(b)(6)		
(b) Appeal?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
(c) Date Submitted:	10/3/2008	NOTE: Standard response time is 5 business days (starting 1 st business day after delivery)	
(d) List of any related FOIAs	NONE		
(e) Special Instructions or comments (i.e. note any gaps in page numbers, etc.)	These documents were reviewed in 2004. Because so much time has elapsed since the initial review; Kevin Janet, FOIA Officer and (b)(6) OCC, requested that the SSI office review these documents again.		
4. REVIEW DETAILS			
(a) I, as FOIA Coordinator, have clearly marked all recognized SSI			
Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/> Reason for no initial review:
(b) Citations for SSI Found (Enter "none" if seeking confirmation)	many.		

Submit the documents for review **only** to the SSI Program Office's **Coordinator** or the appointed backup.

Please submit this form in the same format as the accompanying FOIA. (If FOIA is hard-copy, submit the intake form hard-copy.)

**NEVER LEAVE A FOIA CONTAINING SSI IN AN
UNATTENDED SSI PROGRAM OFFICE CUBE**



Transportation
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September 16, 2010

MEMORANDUM FOR: Ms. JoAnn Noonan, FOIA Coordinator
Federal Aviation Administration

FROM: Howard Plofker, Acting FOIA Officer
Transportation Security Administration

SUBJECT: TSA05-0067 Consultation

Attached is a FOIA request dated October 27, 2004, submitted to the TSA FOIA Office by the National Security Archive. The requester is seeking a copy of documents referenced in the 9/11 Commission Report, "Counterterrorism Evolves."

While processing this FOIA request, we identified records which contain information that may be of interest to your agency. Please review the documents on the attached CD-ROM and, if appropriate, return the documents to us, making any necessary deletions and citing any exemptions claimed. Also, if appropriate, please enclose a copy of your agency appeal procedures. The TSA FOIA Office will respond directly to the requester, giving the requester your agency appeal rights for your agency's withholding determinations.

Please note that on or about March 18, 2010, (b)(6) of my staff contacted (b)(6) (b)(6) of the FAA FOIA Office regarding these records, copies of which were previously provided to (b)(6) of the FAA FOIA Office. Email and telephonic communications between Kevin Janet, the previous TSA FOIA Officer and (b)(6) of the FAA FOIA Office took place during late 2009.

Due to the statutory time constraint and the age of this request, please return your response to this consultation to our office by COB September 24, 2010. If we do not hear back from FAA by that time, we will assume you have no objections to release as redacted. Please direct any questions to me at 571-227-(b)(2), (b)(6)

Attachments: FOIA Request
CD-ROM containing Sensitive Security Information



**Transportation
Security
Administration**

NOV 12 2004

(b)(6)

The George Washington University
Gelman Library, Suite 701
2130 H Street, NW
Washington, DC 20037

FOIA Case Number: TSA05-0067

Dear (b)(6)

This is an interim response to your request dated October 27, 2004, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 5 United States Code (U.S.C.), Section 552. You requested the following information:

1. FAA report, "Aviation Security Advisory Committee, "Domestic Security Baseline Final Report," Dec. 12, 1996 [50];
2. FAA report, "Civil Aviation Security: Objectives and Priorities," Mar. 18, 1999 (staff working paper) [50];
3. FAA report, "Civil Aviation Security Reference Handbook, "May 1999 [50];
4. FAA report, "Air Carrier Standard Security Program," May 2001 [51, 60];
5. FAA security directive, "Threat to Air Carriers, "SD 97-01, Oct. 27, 1997 [54];
6. FAA security directive, "Threat to U.S. Air Carriers, "SD 95, Apr. 24 2000 [54];
7. FAA security directive, "Threat to U.S. Aircraft Operators," SD 108-1, August 28, 2001 [54];
8. FAA security directive, "Threat to Air Carriers, "SD 96-05, Aug. 19, 1996 [55];
9. FAA report, "Air Carrier Standard Security Program," May 2001 [56];
10. FAA regulations, "Screening of Passengers and Property," 14 C.F.R. § 108.9 (1999) [56];
11. FAA regulations, Air Carriers Checkpoint Operations Guide, Aug. 1999 [57];
12. Air Transport Association Regional Airlines Association report, "Checkpoint Operations Guide," Aug. 1999 [57];
13. FAA report, "The Threat to U.S. Civil Aviation in the United States," Sept. 1994 [57];
14. FAA records, Intelligence Case File 98-96 [58];
15. FAA briefing material, "FAA Hearing/Briefing Activity Prior to September 1, 2001," undated [11].

In response to items #5 through #8, we conducted a search within the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and documents (30) pages were located in response to your request. We are withholding all of these pages in their entirety pursuant to Exemption 3 of the FOIA. A more detailed explanation is outlined below.

Exemption 3 permits the withholding of records specifically exempted from disclosure by another Federal statute. Section 114(s) of Title 49, U.S.C., exempts from disclosure under FOIA information that "would be detrimental to the security of transportation" if disclosed. The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) regulations implementing Section 114(s) are found in 49 CFR Part 1520.

Section 1520.5(b)(2)(i) exempts from disclosure any Security Directives or order issued by TSA under § 1542.303, § 1544/305, or other authority.

In response to item #10, we located one (1) document in response to your request. This document has been reviewed and is being released to you in its entirety.

In response to the remaining portions of your request, items #1 through #4, #9 and #11 through #15, we are continuing our search for responsive documents and once our search is complete, we will respond to you accordingly.

The undersigned is the person responsible for this determination. Appeal to this determination may be made in writing to Douglas Callen, Director, Office of Security, Transportation Security Administration, TSA Headquarters, West Tower, 11th Floor, TSA-20, 601 South 12th Street, Arlington, VA 22202-4220. Your appeal must be submitted within 60 days from the date of this determination. It should contain your FOIA request number and state, to the extent possible, the reasons why you believe the initial determination should be reversed. In addition, the envelope in which the appeal is mailed should be prominently marked "FOIA Appeal." The Director's determination will be administratively final.

If you have any questions pertaining to your request, please feel free to contact the FOIA Office at 1-866-364-2872.

Sincerely,



Catrina Pavlik
Associate Director
Freedom of Information Act
And Privacy Act Division

Enclosure

(b)(6)

<TSA-FOIA>

From: Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA> [Kevin.Janet@dhs.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2009 10:48 AM
To: Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6)
Subject: Re: FOIA 05-0067

(b)(6) I am out today. Talk to (b)(6). She has scanned the request and is in process of putting it on cd for faa.

From: Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>
To: Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>
Sent: Tue Sep 08 09:26:15 2009
Subject: FOIA 05-0067

(b)(6)

Do you need this back to put on CD to give FAA? Do you need me to deliver it this week to the FAA?

Robert S. Johnson, Jr.
Assistant Chief Counsel for Information Law
Transportation Security Administration
(571) 227- (b)(2), (b)(6)

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(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2009 10:42 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Cc: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>; (b)(6)
Subject: FW: Status of TSA05-0067 & TSA05-0072

fyi

From: Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2009 10:41 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Cc: Walton, Kimberly; Kerner, Francine; (b)(6)
Subject: Status of TSA05-0067 & TSA05-0072

(b)(5)

(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Sent: Tuesday, August 02, 2011 7:50 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Cc: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>; (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>
Subject: RE: TSA05-0067

(b)(5)

Yvonne L. Coates

Director, Freedom of Information Act Office
Office of the Special Counselor
Transportation Security Administration
(571) 227-^{(b)(2), (b)(6)}

From: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Sent: Monday, August 01, 2011 5:12 PM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>; Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>
Cc: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: RE: TSA05-0067

I asked you last week if you had the file.

(b)(6)
Office of Chief Counsel
Transportation Security Administration
571-227-
(b)(2), (b)(6) (BB)

From: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Sent: Monday, August 01, 2011 3:54 PM
To: Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>; (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>
Cc: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: RE: TSA05-0067

(b)(5)

From: Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Sent: Monday, August 01, 2011 3:53 PM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Cc: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

Subject: RE: TSA05-0067
Importance: High

(b)(5)

Yvonne L. Coates

Director, Freedom of Information Act Office
Office of the Special Counselor
Transportation Security Administration
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From: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Sent: Tuesday, July 26, 2011 9:38 AM
To: Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>; Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Cc: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: RE: TSA05-0067

Bob & (b)(6), do either of you have this file?

(b)(6)
Office of Chief Counsel
Transportation Security Administration
571-227-^{(b)(2), (b)(6)}
(b)(2), (b)(6) (BB)

From: Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Sent: Tuesday, July 26, 2011 7:23 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Cc: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: RE: TSA05-0067

(b)(6)
It was determined (b)(5)

(b)(5)

(b)(5)

Any thoughts?

Yvonne L. Coates

Director, Freedom of Information Act Office
Office of the Special Counselor
Transportation Security Administration
(571) 227-^{(b)(2), (b)(6)}

From: ^{(b)(6)} <TSA-FOIA>
Sent: Monday, July 25, 2011 9:03 AM
To: ^{(b)(6)} <TSA OCC>
Cc: Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Subject: RE: TSA05-0067

Thanks ^{(b)(6)}

From: ^{(b)(6)} <TSA OCC>
Sent: Friday, July 22, 2011 2:01 PM
To: ^{(b)(6)} <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: RE: TSA05-0067

The latest I have is from ^{(b)(6)}. Based on our meeting with FOIA Officer on 2/23/11, it was determined ^{(b)(5)}
^{(b)(5)}

^{(b)(6)}
Office of Chief Counsel
Transportation Security Administration
571-227-^{(b)(2), (b)(6)}
^{(b)(2), (b)(6)}{BB}

From: ^{(b)(6)} <TSA-FOIA>
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2011 11:15 AM
To: ^{(b)(6)} <TSA OCC>
Subject: TSA05-0067

Hi ^{(b)(6)}

When you get a moment, would you please check to see if you have 05-0067 in OCC? The database note reads as follows: "9/28/10 - No response from FAA. To OCC ^{(b)(6)}. However, there's no indication in Filemaker Pro that the file was returned from OCC. Please advise.

Thanks.

^{(b)(6)}

^{(b)(6)}

Freedom of Information Act Office
Transportation Security Administration
601 South 12th Street
Arlington, VA 20598-6020

Office: 571.227-(b)(2), (b)(6)
Fax: 571-227-1406

(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2011 1:39 PM
To: Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>; (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: RE: 05 cases #4

(b)(6) any thoughts on this? Has OCC even given 0067 back to you?

(b)(6)
Freedom of Information Act Office
Transportation Security Administration
(571) 227-^{(b)(2), (b)(6)}

-----Original Message-----

From: Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2011 8:19 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: Re: 05 cases

(b)(5)

Any thoughts?

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----- Original Message -----

From: (b)(6)
To: Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>; (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Sent: Tue Sep 20 01:47:10 2011
Subject: RE: 05 cases

Bob and I went to FAA this past Friday and met with some of their FOIA people to discuss 0067.

(b)(5)

We're going to try to go back sometime this week to discuss 0072. (b)(5)

(b)(5)

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>

Sent: Mon 9/19/2011 7:36 PM

To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

Cc: (b)(6)

Subject: 05 cases

Status?

(b)(5)

(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2011 1:57 PM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: Re: 05 cases #5

Ok.

(b)(6) is saying we have more work to do..like what? As far as I am concerned, we did our part...

----- Original Message -----

From: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
To: Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Sent: Tue Sep 20 09:23:16 2011
Subject: RE: 05 cases

(b)(5)

-----Original Message-----

From: Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2011 8:19 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: Re: 05 cases

(b)(5)

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Sent: Mon 9/19/2011 7:36 PM

To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

Cc: (b)(6)

Subject: 05 cases

Status?

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Arlington, VA 22202-4220
Fax: 571-227-1406



Re: Request under the FOIA, in reply please refer to Archive # 20041240TSA002

To the FOIA Division:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), I hereby request copies of the following:

The following 48 documents referenced in Chapter 1, The 9/11 Commission Report, "We Have Some Planes."

[Please note, the number following each document citation in parentheses is the endnote of that document as referenced in the 9/11 Commission Report. Also note that I will accept transcripts of the audio files and electronic copies of all documents including the audio files. Thank you.]

1. Air Traffic Control Recording-American Airlines Flight 11, Dec. 21, 2001 [32]
2. FAA audio file, Boston Center, position 31R [120]
3. FAA audio file, Boston Center, position 46R, 8:24:38 and 8:24:56 [65]
4. FAA audio file, Cleveland Center, Lorain Radar position [78, 164]
5. FAA Audio File, Herndon Command Center, Boston Center position, line 511, 9:05-9:07 [132, 133]
6. FAA audio file, Herndon Command Center, line 4525, 8:32-8:33 [111]
7. FAA audio file, Herndon Command Center, line 5114, 9:07:13 [67]
8. FAA audio file, Herndon Command Center, National Operations Manager position, line 4525 [141]
9. FAA audio file, Herndon Command Center, National Traffic Management Officer east position, line 4530 [141]
10. FAA audio file, Herndon Command Center, New York Center position, line 5. 14, 8:48 [124]
11. FAA audio file, Herndon Command Center, New York Center position, line 5. 14, 9:02:34 [131]
12. FAA audio file, Herndon Command Center, New York Center position, line 5. 54 [161]
13. FAA audio file, Herndon Command Center, position 15, 9:19 [67]
14. FAA audio file, New York Center, position R42, 8:42-8:45 [123]
15. FAA audio files, Boston Center, position 31R [120]
16. FAA briefing materials, "Assessment and Testing Data for BOS, EWR, and IAD," Oct. 24, 2001 [1, 6, 13, 19]
17. FAA email, (b)(6) "ZJX Timeline for N47BA accident," Feb. 17, 2004 [121]

18. FAA memo, "Full Transcript; Aircraft Accident; N591UA (UAL93); Somerset, PA; September 11, 2001," May 10, 2002 [157]
19. FAA memo, "Full Transcript; Aircraft Accident; UAL175; New York, NY; September 11, 2001," May 8, 2002 [125, 126]
20. FAA memo, "Full Transcription; Air Traffic Control System Command Center, National Traffic Management Officer, East Position; September 11, 2001," Oct. 21, 2001 [145]
21. FAA memo, "Partial Transcript; Aircraft Accident; AAL77; Washington, DC September 11, 2001," Sept. 20, 2001 [147]
22. FAA memo, "Full Transcript; Command Center; NOM Operational Position; September 11, 2001," Oct. 14, 2003 [128]
23. FAA memo, "Full Transcript; Aircraft Accident; AAL11; New York, NY; September 11, 2001," Feb. 15, 2002 [113]
24. FAA memo, "Full Transcript; Aircraft Accident; AAL11; New York, NY; September 11, 2001," Jan. 28, 2002 [114]
25. FAA memo, "Full Transcript; Aircraft Accident; AAL11; New York, NY; September 11, 2001," Apr. 19, 2002 [114]
26. FAA memo, "Full Transcription; Air Traffic Control System Command Center, National Traffic Management Officer, East Position; September 11, 2001," Oct. 21, 2001 [141]
27. FAA memo, "Partial Transcript; Scramble Aircraft; QUIT25; September 11, 2001," Sept. 4, 2003 (Peninsular Radar position) [153]
28. FAA memo, "Partial Transcript; Scramble Aircraft; QUIT25; September 11, 2001," Sept. 4, 2003 (East Feeder Radar position). [153]
29. FAA memo, "Transcription of 9/11 Tapes," Oct. 2, 2003 [112]
30. FAA record of interview (b)(6), Sept. 23, 2001 [2]
31. FAA record, Chronology ADA-30, Sept. 11, 2001 (FAA representatives joining at 9:40) [189]
32. FAA record, New England Region Daily Log, Sept. 11, 2001 [112]
33. FAA record, Personnel Statement of (b)(6), Oct. 30, 2001 [117]
34. FAA record, Personnel Statement of (b)(6), Oct. 17, 2001 [127]
35. FAA recording, Boston Air Route Traffic Control Center, position 46R, at 8:21 A.M. [32]
36. FAA recording, Indianapolis Air Traffic Control Center, position HNN R, Sept. 11, 2001 [53]
37. FAA report, "Administrator's Fact Book," July 2001 [92]
38. FAA report, "Aeronautical Information Manual," Feb. 19, 2004 [94]
39. FAA report, "American Airlines Flight #77: Hijacking and Crash into the Pentagon, Sept. 11, 2001," undated [16]
40. FAA report, "Selectee List AALA #77," undated [12]
41. FAA report, "Chronology of the September 11 Attacks and Subsequent Events Through October 24, 2001," undated [62]
42. FAA report, "Civil Aviation Security Reference Handbook," May 1999 [1]
43. FAA report, "Executive Summary, Chronology of a Multiple Hijacking Crisis, September 11, 2001," Sept. 17, 2001 [40, 41]
44. FAA report, "Executive Summary," Sept. 12, 2001 [40, 41]
45. FAA report, "Report of Aircraft Accident," Nov. 13, 2001 [59]
46. FAA report, "Summary of Air Traffic Hijack Events: September 11, 2001," Sept. 17, 2001 [44]
47. FAA report, "United Airlines Flight 93, September 11, 2001, Executive Report," Jan. 30, 2002 [19]
48. FAA report, "Crisis Management Handbook for Significant Events," Feb. 15, 2000 [101]

These documents fall under Executive Order 13356 signed by President George W. Bush on August 27, 2004. "Executive Order Strengthening the Sharing of Terrorism Information to Protect Americans," requires the intelligence community's "records and reports related to terrorism information to be produced with multiple versions at an unclassified level and at varying levels of classification," "creating unclassified versions for distribution wherever possible," and these versions are "to be shared free of originator controls." (This order is posted at www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2004/08/20040827-4.html). As the documents sought by this FOIA request remain unequivocally classifiable as "terrorism information," the president's order requires the CIA to undertake a declassification review and prepare unclassified versions.

Furthermore, it is difficult to imagine materials that are of greater interest to the public. The materials sought by this FOIA request are central to the public debate on the events of September 11, 2001 and are essential components to an informed public discourse on terrorism policy that will serve to hold U.S. officials accountable for their actions or inactions. Such accountability and informed public debate are fundamental principles of the Freedom of Information Act.

Additionally, the substance of these documents has already been released to the public by way of the 9/11 Commission Report. Without compromising sensitive information, the Commission's Report directly quotes these documents, paraphrases information from these materials and summarizes the findings. If the substance can be released, then it is certain that portions of the documents themselves can also be shared.

If you regard any of these documents as potentially exempt from the FOIA's disclosure requirements, I request that you nonetheless exercise your discretion to disclose them. As the FOIA requires, please release all reasonably segregable nonexempt portions of documents. To permit me to reach an intelligent and informed decision whether or not to file an administrative appeal of any denied materials, please describe any withheld records (or portions thereof) and explain the basis for your exemption claims.

The National Security Archive qualifies for waiver of search and review fees as a representative of the news media. For details on the Archive's research and publication activities, please see our Web site at the address above. Please notify me before incurring photocopying costs over \$100.

If you have any questions regarding the identity of these records, their location, the scope of the request or any other matters, please call me at (b)(6) or e-mail (b)(6)@gwu.edu. I look forward to your response, thank you.

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

Freedom of Information Coordinator

(b)(5)

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Log Number: TSA05-0072
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 First Name: (b)(6)
 Last Name: (b)(6)

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Document Requested: FAA SD's and IC's

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FOIA REVIEW REQUEST

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DOCUMENT/TRACKING DETAIL

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 Brief Summary of FOIA Request: Request for docs cited in the endnotes to the 9-11 Commission Report. This FOIA is for 48 docs/items referenced in Ch. 1 of the 9/11 Report.
 Production Request?
 Soft Copy

REQUEST DETAIL

* FOIA Requested by: (b)(6) FOI Coordinator, GWU, The National Security Archive
 Points of Contact (POC)
 FOIA Office: (b)(6)
 TSA-7 (Lead): (b)(6)
 Office of Chief Counsel (OCC)
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Includes gathering audio files, which could not be found.

Related Documents/ Records

TN	Reference	Comments	Search a TN
9037p	Provided	Item #1	
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9075-2	Provided	Item #16	
1027-9p	Provided	Item #18	
1028-9p	Provided	Item #19	
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9005	Provided	Item #32
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9037	Provided	Item #46
4004	Provided	Item #47
5416-2	Related & Referenced	Tracking spreadsheet for production and review
TSA05-0067	Related & Referenced	Add'l 9/11 FOIA by same requestor
TSA05-0084	Related & Referenced	Add'l 9/11 FOIA by same requestor
TSA05-0098	Related & Referenced	Add'l 9/11 FOIA by same requestor
5263-1	Related & Referenced	Spreadsheet detailing production and reviews of

Approved at TSA-7 by: (b)(6)

TSA7 Approval Date 12/23/2004 (mm/dd/yy)

RELEASE DETAIL

Level of Effort 882

Reply Date 12/23/2004 (mm/dd/yy) Release Comments Production release memos issued 12/20, 12/21, and 12/23/04. As of 1/5/05, we did not find/produce items: #2-15, 17, 20, 22, 26 - 30, 33, 37, 38, 40, 42, and 48. Count in FOIA tally

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(b)(6)

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Dear (b)(6)

This is to inform you that on November 1, 2004, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Office received your FOIA request dated November 1, 2004.

Your request has been given identification number TSA05-0072. Please be advised that TSA currently has a backlog of requests due to the high number of FOIA inquiries we are receiving. We are devoting additional staff and resources to reducing the backlog and using our best efforts to process all requests with due diligence on a first-in, first-out basis. Simple requests are able to be answered more quickly and will be placed on the fast track of our multi-track processing. More complex requests generally require significant processing time. Although TSA's goal is to respond within 20 business days of receipt of your request, the FOIA does permit a 10-day extension of this time period. If your request involves a voluminous amount of records, requires that we collect records from separate offices, or requires that we consult with another agency, TSA is invoking the 10-day extension for your request.

If you would like to narrow the scope of your request, we may be able to respond more quickly. Please contact us if you wish to narrow your request or arrange for an alternative time period to complete the processing. We regret any inconvenience caused by the delay. We can be reached at the following toll free number (866) 364-2872 and please reference the identification number listed above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Catrina M. Pavlik".

Catrina M. Pavlik
Associate Director
Freedom of Information Act and
Privacy Act Division



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(b)(6)

The National Security Archive
The George Washington University
Gelman Library, Suite 701
2130 H Street, NW
Washington, DC 20037

FOIA Case Number: TSA05-0072

Dear (b)(6)

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received in this office on November 1, 2004, requesting a copy of 48 documents referenced in Chapter 1, The 9/11 Commission Report, "We Have Some Planes."

A search was conducted by our Operations Policy Division, and our Security Intelligence Division and no records responsive to your request were located.

The Fact Books are on the web at <http://actctraining.faa.gov/factbook>.

You may want to contact the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) at National Freedom of Information Act Staff, ARC-40, Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20591, for this information.

We are continuing to search for responsive records in other offices and will respond to you when the search is completed.

If you have any questions pertaining to your request, please feel free to contact Anastazia Taylor at 571-227-^{(b)(2), (b)(6)}

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Catrina Pavlik".

Catrina Pavlik
Associate Director
Freedom of Information Act
and Privacy Act Division



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FAX COVER SHEET

Date: November 1, 2004

To: ATTN: FOIA REQUEST ATTACHED

Organization: U.S. Department of Homeland Security - TSA

From: The National Security Archive

Number of pages (including cover sheet)

If there is a problem with this transmission, please call us at 202-994-7000 as soon as possible.

Message: FOIA Request Attached
National Security Archive Number 20041240TSA002

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS

FOIA Number: TSA 05-0072

PROGRAM OFFICE: TSA-10

SIGNATURE: **(b)(6)**

DATE: 11/2/04

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS

FOIA Number: TSA05-0072

PROGRAM OFFICE: TSA-7

SIGNATURE: (b)(6)

DATE: 11/12/04

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS

FOIA Number: TSA 05-0072

PROGRAM OFFICE: TSA-23

SIGNATURE: **(b)(6)**

DATE: 11/2/04

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) Privacy Act Division

FOIA NUMBER

Date Rec'd: 11/1/2004

TSA05-0072

Suspense: ~~11/15/2004~~
11-24-04

FROM: (b)(6)

The National Security Archive

ACTION OFFICE(s): TSA-10(b)(6); TSA-23(b)(6); TSA-7(b)(6)

The attached request is to be responded to ONLY by the FOIA Office. Please return information requested to TSA-20 Rm: 11th floor, 120S, West Tower. If you require any assistance, please contact (b)(6) 571-227-(b)(2), (b)(6). NOTE: The law requires that the request be answered within 20 working days of receipt. Cognizant offices are expected to respond by the suspense date.

Conduct a search for records, *including e-mail records*, responsive to the attached request and forward a legible copy (not the original) of all responsive records found to this office for further processing. If no records exist, a written negative report is required.

Identify any information in the responsive records you found during your search that you believe should be withheld, and explain why you believe its release would be harmful.

Estimate the direct search costs that you believe would be incurred in determining whether records responsive to the attached request are in your files. **Do not initiate a search unless further advised by this office.**

COMMENTS:

Indicate where you searched and what type of file the responsive documents were found in i.e., on desk, emails, filed by name, filed by SSN, in a general file. You may have responsive documents coming from multiple categories, please indicate for each document.

SEARCH TIME (Hrs)	<u>ACTION OFFICE</u>		<u>ATTORNEY</u>	
	PAY BAND	PROCESSING TIME (Hrs)	PAY BAND	TIME (Hrs)
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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DATE SEARCH BEGAN _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

This is to certify that all program files pertaining to the FOIA request have been searched and copies of all documents located have been furnished to the FOIA Office.

SIGNATURE OF INDIVIDUAL CERTIFYING ABOVE DATE SIGNED PAY BAND ROUTING SYMBOL

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) Privacy Act Division *75A-23*

FOIA NUMBER

Date Rec'd: 11/1/2004

TSA05-0072

Suspense: 11/15/2004 ¹⁶

FROM: (b)(6)

The National Security Archive

ACTION OFFICE(s): TSA-1((b)(6)); TSA-23((b)(6))

The attached request is to be responded to ONLY by the FOIA Office. Please return information requested to TSA-20 Rm: 11th floor, 120S, West Tower. If you require any assistance, please contact (b)(6) 571-227-^{75A-23}. NOTE: The law requires that the request be answered within 20 working days of receipt. Cognizant offices are expected to respond by the suspense date.

Conduct a search for records, *including e-mail records*, responsive to the attached request and forward a legible copy (not the original) of all responsive records found to this office for further processing. If no records exist, a written negative report is required.

Identify any information in the responsive records you found during your search that you believe should be withheld, and explain why you believe its release would be harmful.

Estimate the direct search costs that you believe would be incurred in determining whether records responsive to the attached request are in your files. Do not initiate a search unless further advised by this office.

COMMENTS: *The office of operations Policy has no records responsive to this FOIA request.*

Indicate where you searched and what type of file the responsive documents were found in i.e., on desk, emails, filed by name, filed by SSN, in a general file. You may have responsive documents coming from multiple categories, please indicate for each document.

#37. Fact Books are on web at: ~~http://www.faa.gov/factbook~~ http://atctraining.faa.gov/factbook

SEARCH TIME (Hrs)	ACTION OFFICE		ATTORNEY	
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DATE SEARCH BEGAN _____

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) Privacy Act Division

Rec 11/15/04
 Fr. (b)(6)

FOIA NUMBER

Date Rec'd: 11/1/2004

TSA05-0072

Suspense: 11/15/2004

FROM: (b)(6)
 The National Security Archive

ACTION OFFICE(s): TSA-10(b)(6); TSA-23(b)(6); TSA-7(b)(6)

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 NOTE: The law requires that the request be answered within 20 working days of receipt. Cognizant offices are expected to respond by the suspense date.

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COMMENTS:

Indicate where you searched and what type of file the responsive documents were found in, i.e., on desk, emails, filed by name, filed by SSN, in a general file. You may have responsive documents coming from multiple categories, please indicate for each document.

SEARCH TIME (Hrs)	ACTION OFFICE		ATTORNEY	
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DATE SEARCH BEGAN 11/16/04				

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This is to certify that all program files pertaining to the FOIA request have been searched and copies of all documents located have been furnished to the FOIA Office.

SIGNATURE OF INDIVIDUAL CERTIFYING ABOVE DATE SIGNED PAY BAND ROUTING SYMBOL

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) Privacy Act Division

FOIA NUMBER

Date Rec'd: 11/1/2004

TSA05-0072

Suspense: 11/15/2004

FROM: (b)(6)

The National Security Archive

ACTION OFFICE(s): TSA-10 (b)(6); TSA-23 (b)(6)

The attached request is to be responded to ONLY by the FOIA Office. Please return information requested to TSA-20 Rm: 11th floor, 120S, West Tower. If you require any assistance, please contact (b)(6) 571-227- (b)(2) (b)(6) NOTE: The law requires that the request be answered within 20 working days of receipt. Cognizant offices are expected to respond by the suspense date.

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SEARCH TIME (Hrs)	ACTION OFFICE		ATTORNEY	
	PAY BAND	PROCESSING TIME (Hrs)	PAY BAND	PAY BAND
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DATE SEARCH BEGAN 11/8/04

This is to certify that all program files pertaining to the FOIA request have been searched and copies of all documents located have been furnished to the FOIA Office.

(b)(6) 11/10/04 K TSA-10
 SIGNATURE OF INDIVIDUAL CERTIFYING ABOVE DATE SIGNED PAY BAND ROUTING SYMBOL



Transportation Security Administration

FOIA Request Certification

INSTRUCTIONS: FOIA Points-of-Contact (POCs) will complete Section II and forward responsive records by mail to the TSA Headquarters FOIA Office, TSA-20, or by e-mail to the tasking individual, unless otherwise noted and explained below. If the search identifies TSA has a large volume of responsive records, FOIA POCs must contact the FOIA Office as soon as possible following receipt of this issued form to provide a cost estimate prior to continuing to process the request. Questions should be directed to the FOIA Office at (571) 227-2300, 866-FOIA-TSA (866-364-2872).

SECTION I: CASE SUSPENSE & IDENTIFICATION

FOIA OFFICE USE ONLY

FOIA POC response required on or before: 3/8/2011

FOIA POCs direct e-mails replies to: TSA.FOIAPOCRESPONSES@dhs.gov.

FOIA Case No.: TSA05-0072

Date: 3/8/2011

Action Office(s): TSA-10 (b)(6) TSA-28 (b)(6)

Request Received From:

Requester Seeks: (see attached request for further description)

SECTION II: FOIA POC

Name: (b)(6)

Phone No.: (571) 227 (b)(2), (b)(6)

Title: FOIA Specialist

Part B: Recommendations (Check all that apply and provide appropriate responses)

- 1. Release all responsive records. (Identify records and from where retrieved)
- 2. Withhold select responsive records. (explain)
- 3. Withhold all responsive records. (explain)
- 4. No responsive records. Search failed to identify and/or locate responsive records. (explain)
TSA-OI did not originate a search response records (01, 090, 07/91)
- 5. Recommend FOIA Office contact the following DHS Component, TSA Office and/ or individuals, identified, in order to search for responsive records. (Identify) (b)(5)

Search Time (hrs.) / Pay Band	Processing Time (hrs.) / Pay Band	Attorney Time (hrs.) / Pay Band
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PART D: Response Certification

I certify that a search reasonably calculated to uncover all responsive records, paper and electronic, has been conducted and all responsive records have been reviewed, copied and provided to the HQ FOIA Office - TSA-20, or otherwise noted with explanations and/or recommendations provided herein.

FOIA POC Signature: (b)(6)

Date: 3/9/2011



Transportation Security Administration

FOIA Request Certification

INSTRUCTIONS: FOIA Points-of-Contact (POCs) will complete Section II and forward responsive records by mail to the TSA Headquarters FOIA Office, TSA-20, or by e-mail to the tasking individual, unless otherwise noted and explained below.

SECTION I: CASE SUSPENSE & IDENTIFICATION
FOIA OFFICE USE ONLY
FOIA POC response required on or before: 3/7/2011
FOIA POCs direct e-mails/ replies to: TSA.FOIAPOCRESPONSES@dhs.gov
FOIA Case No.: TSA08-0072 Date: 3/4/2011
Action Officer(s): TSA-10(b)(6) TSA-28(b)(6)
Request Received From:
Requester seeks (see attached request for further description)

SECTION II: FOIA POC

Name: (b)(6) Phone No.: (571) 227-
Title: FOIA Specialist

- 1. Release all responsive records. (identify records and from where retrieved)
2. Withhold select responsive records. (explain)
3. Withhold all responsive records. (explain)
4. No responsive records. Search failed to identify and/or locate responsive records. (explain) TSNM has no records responsive to this request.
5. Recommend FOIA Office contact the following DHS Component, TSA Office and/ or individuals, identified, in order to search for responsive records. (identify)

Table with 3 columns: Search Time (hrs.) / Pay Band, Processing Time (hrs.) / Pay Band, Attorney Time (hrs.) / Pay Band

I certify that a search reasonably calculated to uncover all responsive records, paper and electronic, has been conducted and all responsive records have been reviewed, copied and provided to the HQ FOIA Office -TSA-20, or otherwise noted with explanations and/or recommendations provided herein.

FOIA POC Signature: (b)(6) Date: 3/4/11

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Arlington, VA 22202



Transportation
Security
Administration

Date: November 21, 2008

Subject: FOIA: TSA05-0072 S1

From: Director, SSI Office
Office of the Special Counselor

To: Kevin Janet, FOIA Officer, FOIA/PA Division
Transportation Security Administration

Per your request, the attached file has been reviewed for Sensitive Security Information (SSI). The information identified as SSI reveals performance specifications and security screening information. Therefore, the information in the file should be withheld under FOIA Exemption 3 – 49 CFR 1520.5(b)(4)(i) and (9)(v). Please note that additional FOIA exemptions might apply to other portions of the documents.

Our shorthand for redaction citations, as you know, is to note the paragraph within 49 CFR 1520.5(b). Thus, for example: (6)(i) means Exemption 3 -- 49 CFR 1520.5(b)(6)(i). The term "RLS" is shorthand for release, meaning to "ignore any previous SSI redactions because this information is not SSI and Exemption 3 does not apply"; the term "WIF" is shorthand for "withhold this entire page [or document] in full"; "RIF" means "this entire page [or document] is not SSI and Exemption 3 does not apply."

If, during your review or that of the Office of Chief Counsel (OCC), any questions arise regarding the recommendations made by this office, please feel free to contact us on extension 7-3513.

Sincerely,

(b)(6) *bc*

Andrew Colsky

Attachments: TSA05-0072 S1



Transportation
Security
Administration

Date: January 26, 2009
Subject: FOIA: TSA05-0072 S1
From: Director, SSI Office
Office of the Special Counselor
To: Kevin Janet, FOIA Officer, FOIA/PA Division
Transportation Security Administration

Per your request, the attached file has been reviewed for Sensitive Security Information (SSI). The information identified as SSI reveals performance specifications, security measures, and security screening information. Therefore, the information in the file should be withheld under FOIA Exemption 3 – 49 CFR 1520.5(b)(4)(i), (8)(i), (9)(i), and (9)(v). Please note that additional FOIA exemptions might apply to other portions of the documents.

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If, during your review or that of the Office of Chief Counsel (OCC), any questions arise regarding the recommendations made by this office, please feel free to contact us on extension 7-3513.

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

Attachments: TSA05-0072 S1

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Arlington, VA 22202



Transportation
Security
Administration

Date: April 1, 2011
Subject: FOIA: TSA05-0072
From: Senior Analyst, SSI Program
Office of Security Services and Assessments
To: Yvonne L. Coates, FOIA Officer, FOIA/PA Division
Transportation Security Administration

Per your request, the attached file has been reviewed for Sensitive Security Information (SSI). The information identified as SSI reveals performance specifications and security screening information. Therefore, the information in the file should be withheld under FOIA Exemption 3 – 49 CFR 1520.5(4)(i), (9)(ii) and (9)(v). Please note that additional FOIA exemptions might apply to other portions of the documents.

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If, during your review or that of the Office of the Chief Counselor, any questions arise regarding the recommendations made by this office, please feel free to contact me on extension 7-3513.

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

SSI Review Request In-Take Form - FOIA

This form should only be completed and submitted by a member of
TSA's FOIA Office

Sent to SSI
10/16/08

Please complete the top portion of this form and email it to SSI@dhs.gov.
Request Form's instructions and related FAQs are available at TSA's Intranet [future]
For guidance regarding sending SSI, see SSI Policy document titled "[future]" (#)

1. TSA FOIA OFFICE COORDINATOR'S INFORMATION			
(a) Name	(b)(6)	(b) Phone ext. 7-	(b)(2), (b)(6)
(c) Backup's Name	(b)(6)	(d) Phone ext 7-	(b)(6)
2. DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENT			
(a) FOIA Number:	TSA05-0072		
(b) Originating Program Office	TSA		
(c) Total Page Count (not including request)	843		
3. REQUEST DETAILS			
(a) Name of FOIA Requestor	(b)(6)		
(b) Appeal?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
(c) Date Submitted:	11/1/2004	NOTE: Standard response time is 5 business days (starting 1 st business day after delivery)	
(d) List of any related FOLAs			
(e) Special Instructions or comments (i.e. note any gaps in page numbers, etc.)			
4. REVIEW DETAILS			
(a) I, as FOIA Coordinator, have clearly marked all recognized SSI			
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reason for no initial review:
(b) Citations for SSI Found (Enter "none" if seeking confirmation)	none		

Submit the documents for review only to the SSI Program Office's **Coordinator** or the appointed backup.
Please submit this form in the same format as the accompanying FOIA. (If FOIA is hard-copy, submit the intake form hard-copy.)

**NEVER LEAVE A FOIA CONTAINING SSI IN AN
UNATTENDED SSI PROGRAM OFFICE CUBE**



Transportation
Security
Administration

Date: December 1, 2004
Subject: FOIA: TSA05-0072, Records Production Request
From: Acting Director, AvOps Litigation Support and Special Activities
To: Catrina Pavlik, Associate Director, FOIA/PA Division

A search of the records of this office has produced the following record that appears to be responsive to the Request (Our description attempts to match the exact wording of the Request):

FOIA Item #	Description	TSA-7 Internal Tracking No.	Format (hard- or soft-copy)
19 K	FAA memo, "Full Transcript; Aircraft Accident; UAL175; New York, NY; September 11, 2001," May 8, 2002 [125,126] 10,	1027 - P	Hard copy

Two copies of this record are attached. Please proceed with your SSI review of the record.

We are continuing to search diligently for other records responsive to this request, so you should consider this an interim response. Thank you for the assistance your office provided by copying the voluminous records produced thus far in our continuing search. If any questions arise regarding the records produced by this office, please feel free to contact me on extension 7-(b)(2), (b)(6)

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

Attachment: See Above



Transportation
Security
Administration

Date: December 21, 2004
 Subject: FOIA: TSA05-0072, Records Production Request
 From: Acting Director, AvOps Litigation Support and Special Activities
 To: Katrina Pavlik, Associate Director, FOIA/PA Division

A search of the files of this office has produced the following records that appear to be responsive to the request (Our description attempts to match the exact wording of the request):


FOIA Item #	Description	TSA-7 Internal Tracking No.	Format (hard- or soft-copy)	Page Size
1 / 1	Air Traffic Control Recording - American Airlines Flight 11, Dec. 21, 2001	9037p	Hard	8
2 / 16	"Assessment and Testing Data for BOS, EWR, and IAD," Oct. 24, 2001	9075-1 & 9075-2	Hard	102
3 / 19	"Full Transcript; Aircraft Accident; UAL175; New York, NY; September 11, 2001," May 8, 2002	1026-9p	Hard	31
4 / 21	"Partial Transcript; Aircraft Accident; AAL77; Washington, DC September 11, 2001,; Sept. 20, 2001	1024-9p	Hard	29
5 / 23	"Full Transcript; Aircraft Accident; AAL11; New York, NY; September 11, 2001,; Feb. 15, 2002	1025-9p	Hard	51
6 / 24	"Full Transcript; Aircraft Accident; AAL11; New York, NY; September 11, 2001,; Jan. 28, 2002	1025-9p	Hard	77
7 / 25	"Full Transcript; Aircraft Accident; AAL11; New York, NY; September 11, 2001," Apr. 19, 2002	1025-9p	Hard	42
8 / 31	Chronology ADA-30, Sept. 11, 2001 (FAA representatives joining at 9:40)	9004	Hard	3
9 / 32	New England Region Daily Log, Sept. 11, 2001	9005	Hard	23
10 / 41	"Chronology of the September 11 Attacks and Subsequent Events Through October 24, 2001," undated	9013	Hard	9
11 / 43	"Executive Summary, Chronology of a Multiple Hijacking Crisis, September 11, 2001," Sept. 17, 2001	9083		3
12 / 44	"Executive Summary" Sept. 12, 2001	9228-1		3
13 / 47	"United Airlines Flight 93, September 11, 2001, Executive Report,; Jan. 30, 2002	4004	Hard	139
Total				520

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A copy of each of these records is attached. Please proceed with your SSI review of the records.

We are continuing to search diligently for other records responsive to this request, so you should consider this an interim response. If any questions arise regarding the records produced by this office, please feel free to contact me on extension 7 (b)(2), (b)(6)

Sincerely,

 (b)(6)

Attachment: See table, above.



Transportation
Security
Administration

Date: December 22, 2004
Subject: FOIA: TSA05-0072, Records Production Request
From: Acting Director, AvOps Litigation Support and Special Activities
To: Catrina Pavlik, Associate Director, FOIA/PA Division

A search of the files of this office has produced the following records that appear to be responsive to the request. (Our description attempts to match the exact wording of the request.)

FOIA Item #	Description	TSA-7 Internal Tracking No.	Format (hard- or soft-copy)	Page Size
1 34	Personnel Statement of (b)(6), Oct. 17, 2001	1026p	Hard	5
2 35	Boston Air Route Traffic Control Center, position 46R, at 8:25 A.M.	1025p	Hard	13
3 36	Indianapolis Air Traffic Control Center, position HNN R, Sept. 11, 2001	1024p	Hard	18
4 39	"American Airlines Flight #77: Hijacking and Crash into the Pentagon, Sept. 11, 2001," undated	2007	Hard	144
5 42	"Civil Aviation Security Reference Handbook," May 1999 NOTE: This item was previously provided as item 3 of TSA05-0067 thus not included here.	8056-2	Hard	0
6 45	"Report of Aircraft Accident," Nov. 13, 2001	10249 & 1025p	Hard	4
7 46	"Summary of Air Traffic Hijack Events: September 11, 2001," Sept. 17, 2001	9037	Hard	59
Total				243

A copy of each of these records is attached. Please proceed with your SSI review of the records. We are continuing to search diligently for other records responsive to this request, so you should consider this an interim response. If any questions arise regarding the records produced by this office, please feel free to contact me on extension 7 (b)(2), (b)(6)

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

Attachment: See table, above.



Transportation
Security
Administration

Date: December 23, 2004
 Subject: FOIA: TSA05-0072, Records Production Request
 From: Acting Director, AvOps Litigation Support and Special Activities
 To: Catrina Pavlik, Associate Director, FOIA/PA Division

A search of the files of this office has not able to produce the following records:

FOIA Item #	Description	TSA-7 Internal Tracking No.	Format (hard- or soft-copy)	Page Size
1 2	Boston Center, position 31R			Could not find this document.
2 3	Boston Center, position 46R, 8:24:38 and 8:24:56.R			Could not find this document.
3 4	Cleveland Center, Lorain Radar position			Could not find this document.
4 5	Herndon Command Center, Boston Center position, line 5117, 9:05-9:07			Could not find this document.
5 6	Herndon Command Center, line 4525, 8:32-8:33			Could not find this document.
6 7	Herndon Command Center, line 5114, 9:07:13			Could not find this document.
7 8	Herndon Command Center, National Operations Manager position, line 4525			Could not find this document.
8 9	Herndon Command Center, National Traffic Management Officer east position, line 4530			Could not find this document.
9 10	Herndon Command Center, New York Center position, line 5714, 8:48			Could not find this document.
10 11	Herndon Command Center, New York Center position, line 5714, 9:02:34			Could not find this document.
11 12	Herndon Command Center, New York Center position, line 5754			Could not find this document.
12 13	Hendon Command Center, position 15, 9:19			Could not find this document.
13 14	New York Center, position R42, 8:42-8:45			Could not find this document.
14 15	Boston Center, position 31R			Could not find this document.
15 17	(b)(6), "ZJX Timeline for N47BA accident," Feb. 17, 2004			Could not find this document.
16 20	"Full Transcription; Air Traffic Control System Command Center, National Traffic Management Officer, East Position; September 11, 2001," Oct. 21, 2003, page 4, 27			Could not find this document.
17 22	"Full Transcript; Command Center; NOM Operational Position; September 11, 2001," Oct. 14, 2003			Could not find this document.

FOIA Item #	Description	TSA-7 Internal Tracking No.	Format (hard- or soft-copy)	Page Size
18 26	"Full Transcription; Air Traffic Control System Command Center, National Traffic Management Officer, East Position; September 11, 2001," Oct. 21, 2003, page 13			Could not find this document.
19 27	"Partial Transcript; Scramble Aircraft; QUIT25; September 11, 2001," Sept. 4, 2003 (Peninsular Radar position)			Could not find this document.
20 28	"Partial Transcript; Scramble Aircraft; QUIT25; September 11, 2001," Sept. 4, 2003 (East Feeder Radar position).			Could not find this document.
21 29	Transcription of 9/11 Tapes, Oct. 2, 2003, page 2-3.			Could not find this document.
22 30	(b)(6), Sept. 23, 2001			Could not find this document.
23 33	Personnel Statement of (b)(6), Oct. 30, 2001			Could not find this document.
24 37	Administrator's Fact Book," July 2001			Could not find this document.
25 38	"Aeronautical Information Manual," Feb. 19, 2004			Could not find this document.
26 40	"Selectee List AALA #77," undated			Could not find this document.
27 48	"Crisis Management Handbook for Significant Events," Feb. 15, 2000			Could not find this document.

Of the 48 total records requested in this FOIA, to date we have provided 21 records (under separate cover). Many of the items above (#2 - #15) are listed as "FAA audio" files or recordings and we believe that the FAA originally provided these items directly to the 9/11 Commission.

If any questions arise regarding these records that could not be located, please feel free to contact me on extension (b)(2), (b)(6)

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

Attachment: (none)

Stauffer, Stefanie

From: Stauffer, Stefanie
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2004 7:14 PM
To: Pavlik, Catrina
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: FOIA TSA 05-0067 (b)(6)
Importance: High

I have completed this FOIA and have two documents that respond to the bullet " FAA records, Intelligence Case File 98-96 [58], however both documents are classified. One is an ICF Report identifying case file 98-96 and the other is an Intelligence Note created based on the opening of the case file. The only other bullet for which I might have had a record was "FAA report, "The Threat to U.S. Civil Aviation in the United States," Sept. 1994 [57]. TSIS does not have this report in its files or electronic records. I cannot identify any of the other documents requested; we have nothing in our files or computer systems which matches these documents.

NOTE: I do not have the records that were provided to the 9/11 Commission; they were left with the FAA because they were worked by (b)(6) (former head of FAA Intel) who was working on contract to FAA to respond specifically to the JIC and 9/11 Commission. In many cases, I cannot identify the documents needed to respond to the FOIA based on what the requestor has provided so many of my responses to any of the (b)(6) requests will be only partial or negative.

I will leave the response at our security control point.

*Stefanie Stauffer, Acting
Director, Intelligence Assessments
Transportation Security Intelligence
Transportation Security Administration
Department of Homeland Security
703-601-(b)(6)
Stefanie.Stauffer@dhs.gov*

Stauffer, Stefanie

From: Stauffer, Stefanie
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2004 7:27 PM
To: Pavlik, Catrina
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: FOIA TSA 05-0072 (b)(6)
Importance: High

I have completed this FOIA and found no documents that respond to the request. Although I reviewed all items, I specifically checked numbers 29, 39, 40, 41, 43, 44, 45, 46, and 47 against our computer records and files with no results.

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703-601 (b)(2), (b)(6)
Stefanie.Stauffer@dhs.gov*

4/13/09

Responsive documents
for #Item 42 are in
FOIA Request 05-0067
processed by (b)(6)

Therefore, page count is
not accurate.

Page Count

SSI pg Count - 862

Subtract - 4 blank pgs

Request was included in

the pg count (3 pgs.)

Total is (855) pgs.

(b)(6) [REDACTED] <TSA-FOIA>

From: Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2009 10:42 AM
To: (b)(6) [REDACTED] <TSA-FOIA>
Cc: (b)(6) [REDACTED] <TSA-FOIA>; (b)(6) [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Status of TSA05-0067 & TSA05-0072

fyi

From: Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2009 10:41 AM
To: (b)(6) [REDACTED] <TSA OCC>; Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) [REDACTED] <TSA OCC>
Cc: Walton, Kimberly; Kerner, Francine; (b)(6) [REDACTED]
Subject: Status of TSA05-0067 & TSA05-0072

(b)(5) [REDACTED]

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2011 2:00 PM
To: TSA FOIAPOCResponses
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act request TSA05-0072
Attachments: RE: Freedom of Information Act request TSA05-0072

TSNM has no records responsive to requests #1 and #35. Please see the attached email from the TSNM Airlines Division.

I already sent the tasking sheet on last Friday.

Thanks

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2011 3:38 PM
To: TSA.FOIAPOCResponses
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: Freedom of Information Act request TSA05-0072

Good afternoon,

This request was forwarded to TSNM's Commercial Airlines Division and they have no documents to contribute to this FOIA request. Attached is the tasking sheet and email from the Division.

Thanks

(b)(6)

(b)(6) TSNM/BMO/Communications
Phone: (571) 227- | Email: (b)(6)@dhs.gov

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2011 3:05 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act request TSA05-0072

(b)(6) Commercial Airlines does not have any documents related to this item.

(b)(6)

TSNM - Commercial Airlines
Transportation Security Administration
571-227-

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2011 12:28 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: Freedom of Information Act request TSA05-0072

Good afternoon,

I received the attached tasking from the FOIA Office. TSNM and INTEL were tasked with searching for documents related to #39 in the attachment.

(#39-FAA Report, "American Airlines Flight #77- Hijacking and Crash into the Pentagon, Sept. 11, 2001, undated")

The FOIA Office is asking if TSNM can conduct a search and inform them if we have any documents to contribute by Monday 3/7/11.

Please let me know if you can provide documents to support this request.

Thanks

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

(b)(6) TSNM/BMO/Communications
Phone: (571) 227- (b)(6) Email: (b)(6)@dhs.gov

From: (b)(6)

Sent: Friday, March 04, 2011 12:03 PM

To: (b)(6)

Subject: Freedom of Information Act request TSA05-0072

Good Afternoon:

Please review and respond to the attached FOIA Tasking. We are requesting documents for #39 only. Only respond to #39 of the request.

Please let us know if you recommend any other program office to respond to this FOIA request. Identify any information in the responsive records you found during your search that you believe should be withheld, and explain why you believe its release would be harmful.

Forward all responses along with the completed tasking sheet. Please return the completed tasking sheet (TSA Form 3601) along with responsive records only to TSA.FOIAPOCRESPONSES@dhs.gov. If there are no responsive documents found, fill out the form accordingly and return it for record keeping. Please do not send a courtesy copy to my e-mail address.

Thanks

(b)(6)

Freedom of Information Act Office
571-227- (b)(6)

(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2011 2:38 PM
To: TSA.FOIAPOCResponses
Subject: FW: Freedom of Information Act request TSA05-0072
Attachments: TSNM Response 05-0072-#34.pdf

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Good afternoon,

TSNM has no responsive records to #34. Please see the email below from the Branch Chief for Commercial Airlines. Also, please find attached the tasking sheet.

Thanks

(b)(6)

(b)(6)
(b)(6) TSNM/BMO/Communications
Phone: (571) 227- (b)(6) Email: (b)(6)@dhs.gov

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2011 1:10 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act request TSA05-0072

Nothing from Airlines.

(b)(6)

Commercial Aviation Division - Airlines
Transportation Security Administration

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2011 12:10 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: Freedom of Information Act request TSA05-0072

Good Afternoon:

Please review and respond to the attached FOIA Tasking. We are requesting documents for #34 of this request. Only respond this item.

Please let us know if you recommend any other program office to respond to this FOIA request. Identify any information in the responsive records you found during your search that you believe should be withheld, and explain why you believe its release would be harmful.

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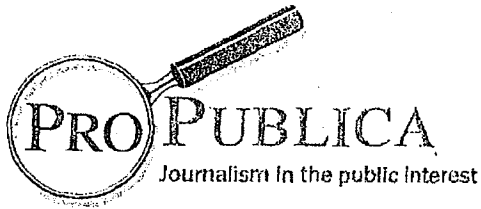
Thanks

(b)(6)

Freedom of Information Act Office

571-227 (b)(2), (b)(6)





June 18, 2008

Transportation Security Administration
TSA-20, West Tower, FOIA Division
601 South 12th Street
Arlington, VA 22202-4220
Via e-mail FOIA.TSA@dhs.gov

TVA FOIA DIVISION - 571-227-2300

FOIA CASE NO. TSA08-0570

RECEIVED: 6/19/08

SUSPENSE DATE: 7/1/08

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: 3/27/09

only refindings

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I am requesting a copy of the TSA internal affairs investigation reports and internal review reports completed since March 1, 2008.
(program reviews)

In order to help determine my status to assess fees, you should know I am a reporter for ProPublica, an independent, non-profit newsroom that produces investigative journalism in the public interest, based in New York.

As a representative of the news media I am only required to pay for the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages. Through this request, I am gathering information that is of current interest to the public because this information is being sought for dissemination to the general public.

Please waive any applicable fees. Release of the information is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities.

Because time is very much a factor, I ask that you communicate with me by telephone or e-mail if you have any questions. My phone number is (b)(6) and my e-mail address is (b)(6)@propublica.org. To save time and cost, please e-mail the records if possible or fax them to 212-785-2634.

If you deny any part of this request, please cite each specific reason that you think justifies your refusal to release the information and notify me of appeal procedures available to me under the law.

Thank you for your assistance with my request.

(b)(6)
Voice (b)(6)
Fax (212) 785-2634
(b)(6)@propublica.org



Transportation
Security
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APR 2 2009

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR: Kevin Janet
FOIA Officer
Freedom of Information Act Office
Office of Security, TSA-20

FROM: K. David Holmes, Jr.
Assistant Administrator, Office of Inspection (OOI)
TSA-13

SUBJECT: TSA FOIA #08-0570

The attached reports reflect OOI's findings in this matter and may be responsive to the FOIA request.

As with previous records we have provided to you under applicable FOIA considerations, we appreciate your understanding of the highly sensitive nature of our work. On April 2, 2009, (b)(6) in our office spoke directly with (b)(6) regarding these reports. (b)(6) was advised these reports are pre-decisional and as a result, we were instructed to use Exemption B-5 in this matter. No information regarding this request will be disseminated.

Should you or your staff have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the OOI FOIA Coordinator, (b)(6) at 571-227-~~XXXX~~.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) Privacy Act Division

FOIA NUMBER

Date Rec'd: 6/19/2008

TSA08-0570

Suspense: 7/17/2008

1/22/2009

FROM: (b)(6)

ProPublica

ACTION OFFICE(s): TSA-4 Christopher White

The attached request is to be responded to ONLY by the FOIA Office. Please return information requested to TSA-20 Rm: 11th floor, 205S, East Tower. If you require any assistance, please contact FOIA office, 571-227-2300. NOTE: The law requires that the request be answered within 20 working days of receipt. Cognizant offices are expected to respond by the suspense date.

Conduct a search for records, *including e-mail records*, responsive to the attached request and forward a legible copy (not the original) of all responsive records found to this office for further processing. If no records exist, a written negative report is required.

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Estimate the direct search costs that you believe would be incurred in determining whether records responsive to the attached request are in your files. **Do not initiate a search unless further advised by this office.**

COMMENTS: Contact (b)(6) for comments and/or questions (571) 227 (b)(2) (b)(6) Please fill out tasking sheet and return to (b)(6), FOIA office.

Indicate where you searched and what type of file the responsive documents were found in i.e., on desk, emails, filed by name, filed by SSN, in a general file. You may have responsive documents coming from multiple categories, please indicate for each document.

SEARCH TIME (Hrs)	<u>ACTION OFFICE</u>		<u>ATTORNEY</u>	
	PAY BAND	PROCESSING TIME (Hrs)	PAY BAND	TIME (Hrs)
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DATE SEARCH BEGAN _____

This is to certify that all program files pertaining to the FOIA request have been searched and copies of all documents located have been furnished to the FOIA Office.

SIGNATURE OF INDIVIDUAL CERTIFYING ABOVE DATE SIGNED PAY BAND ROUTING SYMBOL

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) Privacy Act Division

FOIA NUMBER

Date Rec'd: 6/19/2008

TSA08-0570

Suspense: 7/1/2008

4/22/2009

3/27/09

FROM: (b)(6)

ProPublica

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TSA08-0570

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3/27/09

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SIGNATURE OF INDIVIDUAL CERTIFYING ABOVE DATE SIGNED PAY BAND ROUTING SYMBOL

June 19, 2008

TSA08-0570

(b)(6)

ProPublica

One Exchange Plaza, 23rd FL
New York, NY 10006



Transportation
Security
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Dear (b)(6)

This is to inform you that on June 19, 2008, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Office received your FOIA request dated June 18, 2008. Your request has been given identification number TSA08-0570. Please cite this number in any further Inquiry about this request.

I must advise you that depending upon the category of requester you fall in, fees may be charged for searching for records sought at the respective clerical, professional, and/or managerial rates of \$4.00/\$7.00/\$10.25 per quarter hour, and for duplication costs of \$.10 per page. In accordance with 6 C.F.R. §5.3(c), if you make a FOIA request, it shall be a firm commitment by you to pay all applicable fees charged under § 5.11 up to \$25.00. The combined charges for search and duplication must exceed \$14.00 before we will charge you any fees. Many requests do not require fees; however, if fees exceed \$25.00, we will notify you beforehand.

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If you would like to narrow the scope of your request, we may be able to respond more quickly. Please contact us if you wish to narrow your request or arrange for an alternative time period to complete the processing. We can be reached at the following toll free number (866) 364-2872.

Sincerely,

Kevin J. Janet
FOIA Officer
Freedom of Information Act Office
TSA Headquarters, TSA-20

February 12, 2009

TSA08-0570

(b)(6)

ProPublica

One Exchange Plaza, 23rd FL

New York, NY 10006



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Kevin J. Janet
FOIA Officer
Freedom of Information Act Office
TSA Headquarters, TSA-20

(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: (b)(6)@propublica.org
Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2008 11:06 AM
To: FOIA.TSA@dhs.gov
Subject: Public information request for internal affairs reports
Attachments: TSA Internal Affairs Reports.doc

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

(b)(6)
(b)(6)
ProPublica
Work:(b)(6)
(b)(6)@propublica.org

(b)(6) <CTR>

From: White, Christopher <TSA PA>
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2009 11:46 AM
To: (b)(6) <CTR>
Subject: RE: Overdue FOIA Tasking

I have no records responsive to either request, to include any internal affairs reports or disciplinary actions against FAMs.

Thank you,

Christopher White

From: (b)(6) <CTR>
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2009 11:43 AM
To: White, Christopher <TSA PA>
Subject: Overdue FOIA Tasking

Please see attach FOIA Tasking. Please note suspense date is 1/22/09.

Thank you,

(b)(6)

FOIA- Freedom of Information Act
Department Of Homeland Security
Transportation Security Administration
Office: (571) 227-
Fax: (571) 227-1406
(b)(6)@associates.dhs.gov

1/15/2009

Retasked to

(b)(6)

(b)(6) <CTR>

From: **(b)(6)** <CTR>
Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2009 4:25 PM
To: **(b)(6)**
Cc: **(b)(6)** <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: Overdue FOIA requests
Attachments: TSA08-0570 tasking.pdf

Due 2/24/09

(b)(6)

The following FOIA tasking was never received by your office. Please let me know if you can come up with a responsive response/records.

Please see attached FOIA Tasking. Please note suspense date 2/24/09

Thank you,

(b)(6)

Office of Special Counsel- FOIA
Department Of Homeland Security
Transportation Security Administration
Office: (571) 227-**(b)(6)**
Fax: (571) 227-1406
(b)(6)@associates.dhs.gov

(b)(6) <CTR>

From: (b)(6) <CTR>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2009 8:41 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FOIA Request 08-0570
Attachments: FOIA Request 08-0570.pdf

This is a follow-up on FOIA request 08-0570.

If you have never received this tasking, please see attachment and you suspense date is 3/27/09.

Identify any information in the responsive records you found during your search that you believe should be withheld, and explain why you believe its release would be harmful. Please forward all responses along with Tasking sheet. Please return the completed Tasking sheet to me even if there are no responsive records found (you may make a note no response found and sign and the time and pay band for your search time). We need it for our files.

Thanks

3/20/2009

(b)(6) <CTR>

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2009 5:03 PM
To: (b)(6) <CTR>
Subject: Re: FOIA Request 08-0570

I will be in the office on Monday - we are collecting now.

From: (b)(6)
To: (b)(6)
Sent: Tue Mar 24 13:59:48 2009
Subject: RE: FOIA Request 08-0570

(b)(6)

What is the status on TSA08-0570?

Thanks

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2009 9:48 AM
To: (b)(6) <CTR>
Subject: RE: FOIA Request 08-0570

Thank you.

~ (b)(6)

(b)(6)
(office) 571-227
(mobile) (b)(6)

From: (b)(6) <CTR>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2009 9:39 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: FOIA Request 08-0570

Sure, no problem.

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2009 9:34 AM
To: (b)(6) <CTR>
Subject: RE: FOIA Request 08-0570

(b)(6)

I am out of town until Monday, I have requested information, may I have until Monday to get any results we may find to you?

(b)(6)

3/25/2009

(b)(6)

(office) 571-227

(mobile) (b)(6)

From: (b)(6) <CTR>

Sent: Friday, March 20, 2009 8:41 AM

To: (b)(6)

Subject: FOIA Request 08-0570

This is a follow-up on FOIA request 08-0570.

If you have never received this tasking, please see attachment and your suspense date is 3/27/09.

Identify any information in the responsive records you found during your search that you believe should be withheld, and explain why you believe its release would be harmful. Please forward all responses along with Tasking sheet. *Please return the completed Tasking sheet to me even if there are no responsive records found (you may make a note no response found and sign and the time and pay band for your search time). We need it for our files.*

Thanks

3/25/2009

(b)(6) <CTR>

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2009 2:00 PM
To: (b)(6) <CTR>
Subject: Out of Office AutoReply: FOIA Request 08-0570

I am out of the office. For immediate assistance, please feel free to call me at (b)(6). If you have a FOIA request, please contact (b)(6) at 571-227-(b)(6) (b)(6). Thank you.

(b)(6) <CTR>

From: (b)(6) <CTR>

Sent: Monday, March 30, 2009 11:39 AM

To: (b)(6)

Subject: Answer To Your Question On FOIA Tasking 08-0570

This is what we want; only the findings of the TSA internal affairs investigation reports and program reviews completed since March 1, 2008.

3/30/2009

(b)(6) <CTR>

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2009 2:47 PM
To: (b)(6) <CTR>
Subject: FOIA TSA08-0570

(b)(6)

I just left you a voice mail. When you have time, we need to talk. In routing FOIA TSA08-0570, it has been discovered that this is pre-decisional materials and we need to discuss what exemptions will apply. Please call me when you have an opportunity so we can complete this request.

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

Office of Inspection
Transportation Security Administration
601 South 12th Street, W9-334N
Arlington, VA 20598-6013
(b)(6)@dhs.gov
(office) 571-227-
(mobile) (b)(6)





June 19, 2008

Transportation Security Administration
TSA-20, West Tower, FOIA Division
601 South 12th Street
Arlington, VA 22202-4220
Via e-mail FOIA.TSA@dhs.gov

TSA FOIA DIVISION - 571-227-2300
FOIA CASE NO: TSAD08-0572
RECEIVED: 6/23/08
SUSPENSE DATE: 7/3/08
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Under the Freedom of information Act, I am requesting an electronic copy of the TSA's customer complaint database for all complaints received since March 1, 2008.

In order to reduce the wait time and the burden on your staff, please note that I am not requesting that the TSA create a new database or run any special queries. I simply am requesting the complaints database that is already in existence. I would like to receive all fields, columns and rows that are available in the database.

In order to help determine my status to assess fees, you should know I am a reporter for ProPublica, an independent, non-profit newsroom that produces investigative journalism in the public interest, based in New York.

As a representative of the news media I am only required to pay for the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages. Through this request, I am gathering information that is of current interest to the public because this information is being sought for dissemination to the general public.

Please waive any applicable fees. Release of the information is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities.

Please note that I would like to receive the database in electronic format. I can accept the data in several formats (xls, access, txt, etc.) and can accept the data on a variety of media (CD-ROM, e-mail attachment, etc.). If the database uses codes for the column headings, please include the data dictionary, record layout, code sheet or any other documentation necessary to interpret the data.

Because time is very much a factor, I ask that you communicate with me by telephone or e-mail if you have any questions. My phone number is (b)(6), and my e-mail address is (b)(6)@propublica.org. To save time and cost, please e-mail the records if possible.

If you deny any part of this request, please cite each specific reason that you think justifies your refusal to release the information and notify me of appeal procedures available to me under the law.
Thank you for your assistance with my request.

(b)(6)
Voice (b)(6)
Fax (212) 785-2634
(b)(6)@propublica.org

One Exchange Plaza 23rd Floor New York, New York
10006 212-514-5250 propublica.org

Log Number	Days in Offices	Days in Legal
TSA08-0572	53	

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) Privacy Act Division

FOIA NUMBER

Date Rec'd: 6/23/2008

TSA08-0572

Suspense: 6/30/2008

FROM: (b)(6)
ProPublica

ACTION OFFICE(s): TSA-1 (b)(6); TSOC (b)(6); TSA-22 (b)(6)

The attached request is to be responded to ONLY by the FOIA Office. Please return information requested to TSA-20 Rm: 11th floor, 205S, East Tower. If you require any assistance, please contact FOIA office, 571-227-2300. NOTE: The law requires that the request be answered within 20 working days of receipt. Cognizant offices are expected to respond by the suspense date.

Conduct a search for records, *including e-mail records*, responsive to the attached request and forward a *legible copy (not the original) of all responsive records found* to this office for further processing. If no records exist, a written negative report is required.

Identify any information in the responsive records you found during your search that you believe should be withheld, and explain why you believe its release would be harmful.

Estimate the direct search costs that you believe would be incurred in determining whether records responsive to the attached request are in your files. **Do not initiate a search unless further advised by this office.**

COMMENTS: Contact (b)(6) for comments and/or questions (571) 227- (b)(6) Please fill out tasking sheet and return to (b)(6) FOIA office.

Indicate where you searched and what type of file the responsive documents were found in i.e., on desk, emails, filed by name, filed by SSN, in a general file. You may have responsive documents coming from multiple categories, please indicate for each document.

SEARCH TIME (Hrs)	<u>ACTION OFFICE</u>		<u>ATTORNEY</u>	
	PAY BAND	PROCESSING TIME (Hrs)	PAY BAND	TIME (Hrs)
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

DATE SEARCH BEGAN _____

This is to certify that all program files pertaining to the FOIA request have been searched and copies of all documents located have been furnished to the FOIA Office.

SIGNATURE OF INDIVIDUAL CERTIFYING ABOVE DATE SIGNED PAY BAND ROUTING

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) Privacy Act Division

FOIA NUMBER

Date Rec'd: 6/23/2008

TSA08-0572

Suspense: 6/30/2008

FROM: (b)(6)
ProPublica

ACTION OFFICE(S): TSA-1 (b)(6) TSGC (b)(6) TSA-22 (b)(6)

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Indicate where you searched and what type of file the responsive documents were found in i.e., on desk, emails, filed by name, filed by SSN, in a general file. You may have responsive documents coming from multiple categories, please indicate for each document.

The Ombudsman's Office has no responsive records.

SEARCH TIME (Hrs)	ACTION OFFICE		ATTORNEY	
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DATE SEARCH BEGAN 1-21-09

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(b)(6)

CERTIFYING ABOVE: _____ DATE SIGNED: 1/22/09 PAY BAND: K ROUTING SYMBOL: TSA-22

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) Privacy Act Division

FOIA NUMBER

Date Rec'd: 6/23/2008

TSA08-0572

Suspense: 6/30/2008

FROM: (b)(6)
ProPublica

ACTION OFFICE(s): TSA-(b)(6); TSOC(b)(6); TSA-22(b)(6)

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SEARCH TIME (Hrs)	ACTION OFFICE		ATTORNEY	
	PAY BAND	PROCESSING TIME (Hrs)	PAY BAND	TIME (Hrs)
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DATE SEARCH BEGAN 7-16-09

This is to certify that all program files pertaining to the FOIA request have been searched and copies of all documents located have been furnished to the FOIA Office.

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SIGNATURE OF INDIVIDUAL CERTIFYING ABOVE DATE SIGNED PAY BAND ROUTING SYMBOL

(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: (b)(6)@propublica.org
Sent: Thursday, June 19, 2008 10:22 AM
To: FOIA.TSA@dhs.gov
Subject: FOIA request from ProPublica
Attachments: TSA Complaint Database.doc

As I get acquainted with my new beat, I'd like to get the database of customer complaints for the last few months. Please see the attached FOIA request and let me know if I need to clarify anything.

Thanks for all your help. Hoping these won't take too long to fill.

(b)(6)
ProPublica
Work: (b)(6)
(b)(6)@propublica.org

6/19/2008

(b)(6) <CTR>

From: Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 1:56 PM
To: (b)(6) <CTR>
Cc: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: FW: FOIAs Due-FY08

Attachments: FOIAs Due-FY08



FOIAs Due-FY08

(b)(6), could you please locate the original email to Ombuds POC for this request and retask, please cc me when you resend. thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 1:11 PM
To: Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>
Subject: RE: FOIAs Due-FY08

Kevin,

I do not recall receiving subject FOIA request. Can you please resend it?

Thanks,

(b)(6)
Department of Homeland Security
Transportation Security Administration
Office of the Ombudsman
571-227-^{(b)(2)} (b)(6)

>Due to the limitations of technology, confidentiality cannot be assured when using email.

>

>Please be advised that consistent with the informality and neutrality practices of the Office of the Ombudsman, communication to or with our office does not put the Transportation Security Administration on notice and documentation is not retained.

>

>This message may contain confidential and/or privileged information.
>If you are not the addressee, you must not use, copy, forward, disclose or take any action based on this message or any information herein. If you have received this message in error, please advise the sender immediately by reply email and delete this message. Thank you for your cooperation.

(b)(6) <CTR>

From: Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>

Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 2:22 PM

To: (b)(6) <CTR>; (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

Cc: (b)(6) <TSOC>

Subject: TSA08-0572

(b)(6) could you locate the FOIA search tasking for the FOIA referenced above and forward on the (b)(6), cc'd on this email, thanks.

9/15/2008

(b)(6) <CTR>

From: Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 11:37 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FOIAs Due-FY08

Attachments: TSA-22.htm



TSA-22.htm (378 B)

Hello! The attached document contains a list of overdue FOIA search requests assigned to you by FOIA HQ. Please complete the requested search tasking or provide immediate status update to FOIA.TSA@dhs.gov. Thank you. Kevin J. Janet, FOIA Officer

(b)(6) <CTR>

From: (b)(6) <TSOC>
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2009 1:18 PM
To: (b)(6) <CTR>
Subject: RE: Overdue FOIA Tasking: TSA08-0572

TSOC has no input for this request. (b)(6)

From: (b)(6) <CTR>
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2009 11:51 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: Overdue FOIA Tasking: TSA08-0572

Program Offices,

Just following up to see if you receive the following FOIA Tasking, if not the attached tasking is above. Please note new suspense date is 1/22/2009. I believe the following tasking may have mistakenly never been task.

Thank you,

(b)(6)

FOIA- Freedom of Information Act
Department Of Homeland Security
Transportation Security Administration
Office: (571) 227- (b)(6)
Fax: (571) 227-1406
(b)(6)@associates.dhs.gov

(b)(6) <CTR>

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, February 09, 2009 2:33 PM
To: (b)(6) <CTR>
Subject: FOIA TSA08-0572
Attachments: 3-1-08 to 5-31-08 CCMS Detail Report.xls; 6-1-08 to 08-31-08 CCMS Detail Report.xls; 9-1-08 to 12-31-08 CCMS Detail Report.xls; Tasking Sheet TSA08-0572.pdf

Attached are the records and tasking sheet for TSA08-0572.

Thanks.

(b)(6)
*U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security
Transportation Security Administration
Office of the Executive Secretariat
(o) 571-227-
(f) 571-227-2594
(b)(6)@dhs.gov*

(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: (b)(6)@propublica.org
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2009 4:13 PM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: RE: Spreadsheet

(b)(6)

Per our conversation, I would like to narrow my request to just the "Complaints" database for March 1, 2008 to the date the request is filled. I would still like to receive all columns and rows and receive it in an electronic database (i.e. Excel, txt file). I would also like the total number of records in "E-mail" and "Telephone" databases for that time period, which I understand are the total number of contacts to the TSA Contact Center.

If you have any questions, please call me at the number below.

(b)(6)
 (b)(6)
 ProPublica
 Work:(b)(6)
 (b)(6)@propublica.org

From: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA> [mailto:(b)(6)@dhs.gov]
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2009 11:15 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Spreadsheet

(b)(6)

I don't have the information from the disk open and in front of me at this time however, I can tell you that all of the columns that would contain personal identifiers such as: Writers, subject, constituent, concerned party, remarks, addressed to, first name, last name, email address, msg subject, msg body, street, telephone...all personal identifiers will have to be redacted from these columns.

From: (b)(6) [mailto:(b)(6)@propublica.org]
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2009 10:41 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: RE: Spreadsheet

Thanks (b)(6) Which are the columns that you guys are concerned about, that will take the most time to go through and redact?

(b)(6)
 (b)(6)
 ProPublica

2/24/2009

Work: (b)(6) [redacted]
(b)(6) [redacted]@propublica.org

From: (b)(6) [redacted] TSA-FOIA> [mailto:(b)(6) [redacted]@dhs.gov]
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2009 8:42 AM
To: (b)(6) [redacted]
Subject: Spreadsheet

Hi (b)(6) [redacted]

The following are the categories on the spreadsheets as they relate to customer complaints receive at TSA since March 1, 2008.

Complaints:

- Control#
- Date
- Due Date
- 2nd Due Date
- Writers
- Subject
- Constituent
- Concerned Party
- Remarks
- Priority
- Addressed to
- Document Type
- Folder template
- Related control
- Cross reference
- Signed date
- Whitehouse Reference
- Action office
- Analyst

Email:

CloseDate Time

Type
Msg ID
First Name
Last Name
Email Address
Resolution Summary
Subject Category
Additional Notes
Airport
Airline
Status
NTUser
ClosedDate Time
ReceivedDate Time
HoldDate Time
ProcessedDate Time
TalismaDate/Time
FromDate/Time
Msg Subject
Msg Body
Airport Extended
Airline Extended
Resolution Summary
Subject Category Extended
Flag
Middle Initial
Street 1
Street 2
City
State Province
Country
Zip Code
Telephone
Fax
Incident date
Consumer Issue

Telephone:

Airport Extended
Airline Extended
Resolution Summary Extended
Subject/Category
Flag
Middle initial
Street 1
Street 2
City
State/Province
Country
Zip Code
Telephone
Fax
Incident Date
Consumer Issue
Contact Date
Name Prefix
Name Suffix
Interaction Type
To TSOC
From TSOC
Return Comment
Call ID
Contact Date
Type 3
Name Prefix
Name Suffix

February 12, 2009

TSA08-0572

(b)(6)

ProPublica

One Exchange Plaza, 23rd FL

New York, NY 10006



Transportation
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Dear (b)(6)

This is to inform you that on June 23, 2008, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Office received your FOIA request dated June 19, 2008. Your request has been given identification number TSA08-0572. Please cite this number in any further Inquiry about this request.

I must advise you that depending upon the category of requester you fall in, fees may be charged for searching for records sought at the respective clerical, professional, and/or managerial rates of \$4.00/\$7.00/\$10.25 per quarter hour, and for duplication costs of \$.10 per page.

In accordance with 6 C.F.R. §5.3(c), if you make a FOIA request, it shall be a firm commitment by you to pay all applicable fees charged under § 5.11 up to \$25.00. The combined charges for search and duplication must exceed \$14.00 before we will charge you any fees. Many requests do not require fees; however, if fees exceed \$25.00, we will notify you beforehand.

TSA uses a multi-track system to process requests on a first-in, first-out basis. Simple requests are able to be answered more quickly and will be placed on the fast track of our multi-track processing. More complex requests generally require significant processing time. Although TSA's goal is to respond within 20 business days of receipt of your request, the FOIA does permit a 10-day extension of this time period. If your request involves a voluminous amount of records, requires that we collect records from separate offices, or requires that we consult with another agency, TSA will invoke the 10-day extension for your request.

If you would like to narrow the scope of your request, we may be able to respond more quickly. Please contact us if you wish to narrow your request or arrange for an alternative time period to complete the processing. We can be reached at the following toll free number (866) 364-2872.

Sincerely,

Kevin J. Janet
FOIA Officer
Freedom of Information Act Office
TSA Headquarters, TSA-20

*just the initial
complaint, per requester.
we have responsive docs
from TSA 1, should
get an updated response.*

June 23, 2008

TSA08-0572

(b)(6)

ProPublica
One Exchange Plaza, 23rd FL
New York, NY 10006



Transportation
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Just the initial Complaint

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Sincerely,

Kevin J. Janet
FOIA Officer
Freedom of Information Act Office
TSA Headquarters, TSA-20

(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: (b)(6)@usatoday.com
Sent: Monday, September 22, 2008 10:48 AM
To: FOIA.TSA@dhs.gov
Subject: FOIA request

FOIA DIVISION - 571-227-2300
CASE NO: TSA 09-0000
RECEIVED: 10/02/08
RESPONSE DATE: 10/09/08
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

(b)(6)
USA Today
1100 New York Ave. NW, #200E
Washington, DC, 20005

(b)(6)

September 22, 2008

Transportation Security Administration
TSA-20, West Tower
FOIA Division
601 South 12th Street
Arlington, VA 22202-4220

FOIA REQUEST

Fee waiver requested
Expedited review requested

Dear FOI Officer:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request access to and copies of communications and reports from all consultants and contractors hired by the Transportation Security Administration to solicit opinions, feedback and surveys from the traveling public and from TSA employees concerning airport security and TSA's mission. The information requested should include all reports from contractors to TSA concerning marketing, communications and messaging; results of all surveys, polls, focus groups and any other measurement of the opinion of the general public, the traveling public and the TSA workforce; copies of all reports to the TSA from contractors engaged in efforts to determine opinions of the public, aviation travelers and TSA employees, and to develop and refine public-affairs outreach to the traveling public and TSA "messaging."

Please waive any applicable fees. Release of the information is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

As I am making this request as a journalist and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate your communicating with me by telephone, rather than by mail, if you have questions regarding this request.

Please provide expedited review of this request which concerns a matter of urgency. As a journalist, I am primarily engaged in disseminating information. The public has an urgent need for information about TSA messaging and public-outreach efforts because there is extensive effort going on presently to inform airline passengers about changes to airport security. I certify that my statements concerning the need for expedited review are true and correct to the best of

9/29/2008

my knowledge and belief.

I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

USA Today
Washington, DC

(b)(6)

9/29/2008



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FOIA Request Certification

INSTRUCTIONS: FOIA Points-of-Contact (POCs) will complete Section II and forward responsive records by mail to the TSA Headquarters FOIA Office, TSA-20, or by e-mail to the tasking individual, unless otherwise noted and explained below. If the search identifies TSA has a large volume of responsive records, FOIA POCs must contact the FOIA Office as soon as possible following receipt of this issued form to provide a cost estimate prior to continuing to process the request. Questions should be directed to the FOIA Office at (571) 227-2300, 866-FOIA-TSA (866-364-2872).

SECTION I: CASE SUSPENSE & IDENTIFICATION

FOIA OFFICE USE ONLY

FOIA POC response required on or before: 11/15/10

FOIA POCs direct e-mails replies to: TSA.FOIAPOCResponses@tsa.dhs.gov

FOIA Case No.: TSA09-0008 Date: 11/8/10

Action Office(s): TSA 29 (b)(6)

Request Received From: (b)(6)

Requester Seeks: (see attached request for further description)

SECTION II: FOIA POC

Part A. Contact Information

Name: Phone No.:

Title:

Part B. Recommendations (Check all that apply and provide appropriate responses)

- 1. Release all responsive records. (identify records and from where retrieved)
- 2. Withhold select responsive records. (explain)
- 3. Withhold all responsive records. (explain)
- 4. No responsive records. Search failed to identify and/or locate responsive records. (explain)
- 5. Recommend FOIA Office contact the following DHS Component, TSA Office and/ or individuals, identified, in order to search for responsive records. (identify)

PART C. Cost Estimate

Search Time (hrs.) / Pay Band	Processing Time (hrs.) / Pay Band	Attorney Time (hrs.) / Pay Band
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/	/	/
/	/	/

PART D. Response Certification

I certify that a search reasonably calculated to uncover all responsive records, paper and electronic, has been conducted and all responsive records have been reviewed, copied and provided to the HQ FOIA Office –TSA-20, or otherwise noted with explanations and/or recommendations provided herein.

FOIA POC Signature: **Date:**



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FOIA Request Certification

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FOIA Case No.: TSA09-0008	Date: 11/8/10	
Action Office(s): TSA 29 (b)(6)		
Request Received From: (b)(6)		
Requester Seeks: (see attached request for further description)		
SECTION II: FOIA POC		
Part A: Contact Information		
Name:	Phone No.:	
Title:		
Part B: Recommendations (check all that apply and provide appropriate responses)		
<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Release all responsive records. (identify records and from where retrieved)	
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Part C: Cost Estimate		
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Part D: Response Certification		
I certify that a search reasonably calculated to uncover all responsive records, paper and electronic, has been conducted and all responsive records have been reviewed and recommendations provided hereon. (b)(6) TSA-20, or otherwise noted with explanations and/or		
FOIA POC Signature: (b)(6)	Date: 11/22/10	

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) Privacy Act Division

FOIA NUMBER

TSA09-0008

Date Rec'd: 10/2/2008

Suspense: 10/9/2008

10/10/08

FROM: (b)(6) USA Today

ACTION OFFICE(s): TSA-4 Christopher White TSA-25 (b)(6)

The attached request is to be responded to ONLY by the FOIA Office. Please return information requested to TSA-20 Rm: 11th floor, 205S, East Tower. If you require any assistance, please contact FOIA office, 571-227-2300. NOTE: The law requires that the request be answered within 20 working days of receipt. Cognizant offices are expected to respond by the suspense date.

[X] Conduct a search for records, including e-mail records, responsive to the attached request and forward a legible copy (not the original) of all responsive records found to this office for further processing. If no records exist, a written negative report is required.

[X] Identify any information in the responsive records you found during your search that you believe should be withheld, and explain why you believe its release would be harmful.

[] Estimate the direct search costs that you believe would be incurred in determining whether records responsive to the attached request are in your files. Do not initiate a search unless further advised by this office.

COMMENTS: SEE ACTUAL REQUEST

Indicate where you searched and what type of file the responsive documents were found in i.e., on desk, emails, filed by name, filed by SSN, in a general file. You may have responsive documents coming from multiple categories, please indicate for each document.

Please fill out tasking sheet and return to (b)(6), FOIA Office. If you have any questions please contact (b)(6), (571) 227-2300

SEARCH TIME (Hrs)	ACTION OFFICE		ATTORNEY	
	PAY BAND	PROCESSING TIME (Hrs)	PAY BAND	TIME (Hrs)
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

DATE SEARCH BEGAN _____

This is to certify that all program files pertaining to the FOIA request have been searched and copies of all documents located have been furnished to the FOIA Office.

SIGNATURE OF INDIVIDUAL CERTIFYING ABOVE DATE SIGNED PAY BAND ROUTING SYMBOL

10/10/08
Suspense: 10/9/2008

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USA Today
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TSA-25 (b)(6)

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DATE SEARCH BEGAN 2/23/09

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(b)(6)

X TSA ACO does not have any information reports or database's that maintains communication w/ Consultants and Contractors hired by TSA.

(b)(6)
2/23/09



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FOIA Request Certification

INSTRUCTIONS: FOIA Points-of-Contact (POCs) will complete Section II and forward responsive records by mail to the TSA Headquarters FOIA Office, TSA-20, or by e-mail to the tasking individual, unless otherwise noted and explained below. If the search identifies TSA has a large volume of responsive records, FOIA POCs must contact the FOIA Office as soon as possible following receipt of this issued form to provide a cost estimate prior to continuing to process the request. Questions should be directed to the FOIA Office at (571) 227-2300, 866-FOIA-TSA (866-364-2872).

SECTION I: CASE SUSPENSE & IDENTIFICATION		
FOIA OFFICE USE ONLY		
FOIA POC response required on or before: 4/19/11		
FOIA POCs direct e-mails replies to: (b)(6) @dhs.gov		
FOIA Case No.: TSA09-0008	Date: 4/12/11	
Action Office(s): TSA 21, (b)(6)		
Request Received From: (b)(6)		
Requester Seeks: (see attached request for further description)		
SECTION II: FOIA POC		
Part A: Contact Information		
Name: (b)(6)	Phone No.: x7 (b)(2) (b)(6)	
Title:		
Part B: Recommendations (Check all that apply and provide appropriate responses)		
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FOIA POC Signature:		Date:

need to ask Public Affairs & Procurement whether we've
ever contracted for such services § TSA 09-0008

~~The 2 SEC summaries for TSA employees.~~

Approved

Task Offices: TSA-4
~~Research?~~ TSA-25

Check Privacy Act/perjury statement box: YES No

Print Acknowledgement Letter: YES No

Print Perjury Statement: YES No

Print Third Party Statement: YES No

w/Expedited/Fair Waiver
denied?

BeddingPoint / 2003 → 2006

2 surveys customers



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October 2, 2008

TSA09-0008

(b)(6)

USA Today
1100 New York Ave., NW, #200E
Washington, DC 20005

Dear (b)(6)

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated September 22, 2008, in which you requested expedited processing. The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) FOIA Office received your FOIA request on October 2, 2008. Your request identification number is TSA09-0008. Please cite this number in any further Inquiry about this request. Specifically, you requested the following:

- Requester seeking copies of communications/reports from all consultants/contractors hired by TSA to solicit opinions, feedback/surveys from the traveling public/from TSA employees concerning airport security/TSA's mission. All reports from contractors to TSA concerning marketing, communications/messaging, results of surveys, polls, focus groups and other measurement of opinion of the general public, traveling public and TSA workforce, copies of reports to TSA from contractors engaged in efforts to determine opinions of the public, aviation travelers and TSA employees, to develop/refine public-affairs outreach to the traveling public and TSA "messaging."

Under the Department of Homeland Security's FOIA regulations, expedited processing of a FOIA request is warranted if it is determined that the request involves "circumstances in which the lack of expedited treatment could reasonably be expected to pose an imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual," or "an urgency to inform the public about an actual or alleged federal government activity, if made by a person primarily engaged in disseminating information" 6 CFR § 5.5(d)(1). Requesters that seek expedited processing must submit a statement explaining in detail the basis for the request, and must certify that the request is true and correct. 6 CFR 5.5(d)(3). See also 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(E).

After reviewing your October 2, 2008, FOIA request, TSA is denying your request for expedited processing. Your request failed to present any facts demonstrating a compelling need for expedited treatment under the standards discussed above.

With regard to your request for a fee waiver, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) evaluates fee waiver requests under the legal standard set forth above and the fee waiver policy guidance issued by the Department of Justice on April 2, 1987, as incorporated into the Department of Homeland Security's Freedom of Information Act regulations. These regulations set forth six factors to examine in

determining whether the applicable legal standard for fee waiver has been met. 6 CFR § 5.11(k)(2). We will consider these factors in our evaluation of your request for a fee waiver: (1) whether the subject of the requested records concerns "the operations or activities of the government"; (2) whether the disclosure is "likely to contribute" to an understanding of government operations or activities; (3) whether disclosure of the requested information will contribute to the understanding of the public at large, as opposed to the individual understanding of the requestor of a narrow segment of interested persons; (4) whether the contribution to public understanding of government operations or activities will be "significant"; (5) whether the requester has a commercial interest that would be furthered by the requested disclosure; and (6) whether the magnitude of any identified commercial interest to the requestor is sufficiently large in comparison with the public interest in disclosure that disclosure is primarily in the commercial interest of the requestor.

As a requester, you bear the burden under the FOIA of showing that the fee waiver requirements have been met. A fee waiver is granted based on a determination that the substantive content of the disclosable portions of the records requested is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations or activities. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii). Information that is already in the public domain is not likely to contribute to public understanding.

After reviewing your October 2, 2008, request, TSA is denying your request for a fee waiver. However, as an "other" requester you receive two hours of search time and 100 pages free in response to your request.

In the event that you may wish to appeal this determination, an administrative appeal may be made in writing to Kimberly Walton, Special Counselor, Office of the Special Counselor, Transportation Security Administration, 601 South 12th Street, East Building, E7-121S, Arlington, VA 22202-4220. Your appeal **must be submitted within 60 days** from the date of this determination. It should contain your FOIA request number and state, to the extent possible, the reasons why you believe the initial determination should be reversed. In addition, the envelope in which the appeal is mailed in should be prominently marked "FOIA Appeal." Please note the Special Counselor's decision on your FOIA appeal will be administratively final. If you have any questions pertaining to your request, please feel free to contact the FOIA Office at 1-866-364-2872 or locally at 571-227-2300.

Sincerely,



Kevin J. Janet
FOIA Officer
Freedom of Information Act Office

Enclosure

SSI Review Request In-Take Form - FOIA

This form should only be completed and submitted by a member of
TSA's FOIA Office

Please complete the top portion of this form and email it to SSI@dhs.gov.
Request Form's instructions and related FAQs are available at TSA's Intranet [future]
For guidance regarding sending SSI, see SSI Policy document titled "[future]" (#)

1. TSA FOIA OFFICE COORDINATOR'S INFORMATION	
(a) Name	(b)(6)
(c) Backup's Name	(b) Phone ext. 7- [redacted]
	(d) Phone ext 7- [redacted]
2. DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENT	
(a) FOIA Number:	09-8
(b) Originating Program Office	TSA-21
(c) Total Page Count (not including request)	54
3. REQUEST DETAILS	
(a) Name of FOIA Requestor	(b)(6) / USA Today
(b) Appeal?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
(c) Date Submitted:	10/4/2011 NOTE: Standard response time is 5 business days (starting 1 st business day after delivery)
(d) List of any related FOIAs	
(e) Special Instructions or comments (i.e. note any gaps in page numbers, etc.)	All results from the 2006 and 2008 OSS surveys are responsive to (b)(6) request. These pages constitute one sample report from each of these years - reports were generated for all airports and offices (totaling over 18,000 pages) and are identical to one another other than the data itself. On the face of it, there is no SSI in these documents. However, OCC has concern that information regarding the happiness of employees at each location may reveal vulnerabilities and thus be SSI (their email explaining this is included in the file folder on the X drive).
4. REVIEW DETAILS	
(a) I, as FOIA Coordinator, have clearly marked all recognized SSI	
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reason for no initial review:
(b) Citations for SSI Found (Enter "none" if seeking confirmation)	none

Submit the documents for review only to the SSI Program Office's Coordinator or the appointed backup.

Please submit this form in the same format as the accompanying FOIA. (If FOIA is hard-copy, submit the intake form hard-copy.)

**NEVER LEAVE A FOIA CONTAINING SSI IN AN
UNATTENDED SSI PROGRAM OFFICE CUBE**

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Arlington, VA 22202



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Date: October 11, 2011

Subject: FOIA: TSA 09-0008
SSI Review No. 12-0010

From: Senior Analyst, SSI Program
Office of Security Services and Assessments

To: Yvonne L. Coates, FOIA Officer, FOIA/PA Division
Transportation Security Administration

Per your request, the attached file has been reviewed for Sensitive Security Information (SSI).
Our office has determined that it contains no SSI.

If, during your review or that of the Office of Chief Counsel, any questions arise regarding the
recommendations made by this office, please feel free to contact us on extension 7-3513.

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

Assign to

(b)(6)

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(b)(5)

November 2, 2010

FOIA Number: TSA09-0008

MEDIA Requester – (b)(6) USA Today

ATTN: FOIA OFFICER – Review and Concurrence

ISSUE:

(b)(6) requested "access to and copies of communications and reports from all consultants and contractors hired by the Transportation Security Administration to solicit opinions, feedback and surveys from the traveling public and from TSA employees concerning airport security and TSA's mission". These documents were specifically to include "all reports from contractors to TSA concerning marketing, communications and messaging; results of all surveys, polls, focus groups and any other measurement of the opinion of the general public, the traveling public, and the TSA workforce; copies of all reports to the TSA from contractors engaged in efforts to determine opinions of the public, aviation travelers and TSA employees, and to develop and refine public-affairs outreach to the traveling public and TSA 'messaging'."

DISCUSSION:

- Request was tasked to TSA-4 and TSA-25. TSA-25 provided a no records response, TSA-4 provided 25 pages of documents – a PowerPoint provided to TSA by a contractor in 2007 (See RELEASABLE)
- TSA-4 describes this document as "all we have in the way of contracting for public opinion" (See BACKGROUND)

OCC. Sterling Payne has reviewed & is OK with release. (b)(6)

RECOMMENDATION:

:(b)(5)

FOIA POC: (b)(6)
x (b)(2), (b)(6)

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U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Freedom of Information Act Office
Arlington, VA 20598-6020



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FOIA Case Number: TSA 09-0008

(b)(6)

USA Today
7950 Jones Branch Drive
McLean, VA 22108

Dear (b)(6)

This letter is an interim response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated September 22, 2008 and received in this office on October 2, 2008, that you made requesting "access to and copies of communications and reports from all consultants and contractors hired by the Transportation Security Administration to solicit opinions, feedback and surveys from the traveling public and from TSA employees concerning airport security and TSA's mission" and specifically requesting "all reports from contractors to TSA concerning marketing, communications and messaging; results of all surveys, polls, focus groups and any other measurement of the opinion of the general public, the traveling public, and the TSA workforce; copies of all reports to the TSA from contractors engaged in efforts to determine opinions of the public, aviation travelers and TSA employees, and to develop and refine public-affairs outreach to the traveling public and TSA 'messaging'." Your request has been processed under the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552.

A reasonable search within the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) was conducted for responsive documents and 178 pages of documents, consisting of national survey data from TSA's 2006 and 2008 Organizational Satisfaction Surveys, are being provided to you in their entirety at this time. Additional responsive documents to your request have been found in the course of search and will be addressed in future responses.

Fees

The fees incurred to process your request do not exceed the minimum threshold necessary for charge and, therefore, there are no fees associated with processing this request.

If you have any questions pertaining to your request, please feel free to contact the FOIA Office at 1-866-364-2872 toll-free or 571-227-2300 locally, or Kawika Riley in TSA's Office of Public Affairs at 571-227-1966.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Yvonne L. Coates". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "Y" and "C".

Yvonne L. Coates
Director, Freedom of Information Act Office
Office of the Special Counselor
Transportation Security Administration

Enclosures

(b)(6) <CTR>

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, February 04, 2009 1:56 PM
To: (b)(6) <CTR>
Subject: FW: NEW FOIA TASKING (REQUEST TSA09-008)

(b)(6) – I sent this back asking for assistance.

No clarification has been given to date.

Let me know how to proceed.

v/r

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, October 06, 2008 7:42 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: NEW FOIA TASKING (REQUEST TSA09-008)

(b)(6)

I am not sure this would be our FOIA in Acquisition – there is no reference to a contract – just information.

Please advise.

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, October 03, 2008 12:34 PM
To: White, Christopher <TSA PA>; (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) <CTR>
Subject: NEW FOIA TASKING (REQUEST TSA09-008)

Good afternoon,
Please see attachment below:

<< File: 09 0008.pdf >>

Identify any information in the responsive records you found during your search that you believe should be withheld, and explain why you believe its release would be harmful. Please forward all responses along with Tasking sheet. Please return the completed Tasking sheet to me even if there are no responsive records found (you may make a note no response found and sign and the time and pay band for your search time). We need it for our files.

Thank you in advance,

(b)(6)

Office of Special Counselor (OSC)
Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)
Direct: 571.227. (b)(6)
Main: 571.227.2300
Fax: 571.227.1406

From: (b)(6) <CTR>
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2009 11:01 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: FOIA Help

(b)(6)

Per to your request...

This maybe or may not be helpful, as follows:

Non Responsive

TSA09-0008- USA Today request doesn't require a contract number (they're requesting communications of reports from all consultants and contractors hired by TSA... etc.)

Please let me know if you have any more questions,

Thank you,

(b)(6)

Office of Special Counsel- FOIA
Department Of Homeland Security
Transportation Security Administration
Office: (571) 227-^{(b)(7) (b)(6)}
Fax: (571) 227-1406
(b)(6)@associates.dhs.gov

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2009 2:33 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: TSA09-0008
Attachments: Tasker and FOIA Request.pdf

Thank you very much!

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2009 12:04 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: TSA09-0008

Christopher didn't give me anything before he left – can you resend me the item?

Thanks.

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2009 9:48 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: TSA09-0008

Good morning (b)(6)
I am writing to request status of the above referenced FOIA request that was tasked to your office. It appears that Christopher White was the FOIA POC at this time.

Thank you very much for your assistance.



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Department of Homeland Security
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Telephone: (571) 227-1-227-1234

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(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2009 4:11 PM
To: Culmer, Jonella
Subject: FW: TSA09-0008
Attachments: FOIA Request.pdf

Good afternoon Ms. Culmer,
Would you please provide a response to the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request at your earliest convenience?

Thank you

From: Payne, Sterling
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2009 3:15 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: Culmer, Jonella
Subject: Re: TSA09-0008

Jonella Culmer will be your new contact.

Sterling Payne
TSA Office of Public Affairs
(b)(2), (b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
To: Payne, Sterling
Sent: Thu Jul 09 15:00:50 2009
Subject: FW: TSA09-0008

Good afternoon Ms. Payne,
Would you please provide a point-of-contact?

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 9:59 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: 'Payne, Sterling'
Subject: RE: TSA09-0008

(b)(6)

I no longer work in OPA or handle their FOIA requests. Sterling, it seems like (b)(6) is looking for research conducted with passengers. Can you assist?

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 9:48 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: TSA09-0008

7/9/2009

Good morning, have you located any responsive records?

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2009 2:33 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: TSA09-0008

Thank you very much!

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2009 12:04 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: TSA09-0008

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Thanks.

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Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2009 9:48 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: TSA09-0008

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(b)(6)

Department of Homeland Security
Transportation Security Administration
Telephone: (571) 227- [REDACTED]

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(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2009 4:10 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: Re: TSA09-0008

(b)(6), please send this to Sterling Payne - I no longer work in OPA.

Thanks.

From: (b)(6)
To: (b)(6)
Sent: Thu Jul 09 14:58:20 2009
Subject: FW: TSA09-0008

Good afternoon,
Have you located any responsive records?

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 9:48 AM
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(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2011 12:46 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6); Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Subject: RE: 09-0008 new tasking

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

(b)(6)

Attached are the rest of the documents located for this request. The 2008 marketing plan I have is a draft with comments throughout – I do not have the final copy. (b)(6) is the director for my office and he has the discs with the 600+ local-level reports, which he told me he would get to you today I believe. Please let me know if you need anything else or have questions. Thanks,

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 5:15 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6); Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Subject: RE: 09-0008 new tasking

Thanks (b)(6) (b)(5)

(b)(5)

(b)(6)
Freedom of Information Act Office
Transportation Security Administration
(571) 227-
(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 4:42 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6); Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Subject: RE: 09-0008 new tasking

I think there may have been CDs made but there have been a few project managers to come and go since then, and I am no longer at HQ so I'll have to check. In the mean time, this is what I have so far. I have 5 emails from the contractor from that time period, but they have nothing in relation to communicating or marketing the survey. (b)(5)

(b)(6) Please advise. The 2008 marketing plan I have is only in draft form. I do not have the final.
Thanks,

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)

Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 4:37 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Subject: RE: 09-0008 new tasking

Thanks (b)(6) – it's appreciated.

For clarity on the scope of the reports requested, I just spoke with the requester. Sadly for us, he wants everything. Are the reports available electronically?

(b)(6)
Freedom of Information Act Office
Transportation Security Administration
(571) 227-
[REDACTED]

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 4:11 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Subject: RE: 09-0008 new tasking

Okay, when we talked, I wrote down that you said we did not charge for printing, but we did for search and processing time. Regarding releasability, (b)(5)
[REDACTED]

Regarding your points below:

1. I will search my emails. I believe I only have 2 emails from the contractor at that time
2. We do not have any other communications from the contractor regarding how to message results other than project plans
3. No, there are 320 and 327 reports, not surveys. If those are not responsive, we will provide the aggregated national results – but I'm not sure what your statement means. Reports are the results.

Thanks,

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 3:58 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Subject: RE: 09-0008 new tasking

On the fees, it's the opposite. Under FOIA, we can charge media requesters for printing, but we can't charge them for search and processing time. That said, (b)(5)
[REDACTED]

(b)(5)

Regarding each of your questions:

1. The employee satisfaction surveys themselves are responsive. I discussed the matter with the requester at length – he is aware of the surveys and the information in them is essentially what he is looking for. As for communications with the contractor, you are correct that the wording of the request is overly broad. I believe

(b)(5)

2. I believe (b)(5)

3. When you say there are 327 and 320 “reports” below, are you talking about returned surveys? I don’t believe

(b)(5)

Please call or email me if you have any further questions or need additional information. Thank you.

(b)(6)

Freedom of Information Act Office
Transportation Security Administration
(571) 227-

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 2:57 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: 09-0008 new tasking

Hi (b)(6)

We have prepared a response to the referenced request and have more questions as indicated below. We did have some confusion in collecting responsive documents due to the vagueness of the request. In parts it requests survey results on airport security and TSA's mission, which our surveys are not. Questions employees respond to about satisfaction with work-life are the same as questions about security or the mission. In other parts the requestor seems to be searching for survey results on how changes are communicated to employees and the general public (assuming from the timing of the request this was due to the liquids/gels ban). Our survey may have only one question on how changes are communicated to employees. He also does not specifically request surveys by location, so we weren't clear on how that works. Do we normally present requestors with what we do have so they can choose what they would like? If the purpose is to examine overall results for TSA, those are publicly available (for example: <http://www.govexec.com/pdfs/012609ar1.pdf>).

(b) (5)

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That having been said, we did search for applicable records. I tried to discern what the request was saying, and pulled out those portions in bold with our response after. Currently we estimate the search to have taken approximately 8 hours and below are details of what was found. I know you said we do not charge for printing (although I read [here](#) that "Educational and news media requesters are charged for duplication costs in excess of 100 pages") but do we need to estimate a total for the "Processing Time" hours that would be required to print and compile all reports? Please let us know and we will include if required. Thank you,

(b)(6)

1. **Copies of communications and reports from all consultants and contractors hired by the TSA to solicit opinions, feedback and surveys from the traveling public and TSA employees concerning airport security and TSA's mission** – My office does not conduct surveys with the traveling public. We do conduct satisfaction surveys with TSA employees and used an outside contractor in years 2006 and 2008. However the focus of these surveys are not "concerning airport security or TSA's mission." Questions are related to employee satisfaction with various aspects of their job and organization (e.g., satisfaction with leadership, pay, career advancement, etc.). There are a few items within each survey related to communication/understanding of the mission.
 - a. What would communication from the contractor include? Any email they sent on any topic to anyone at TSA?
2. **Information requested should include all reports from the contractor to TSA concerning marketing, communications and messaging:** If this means how the surveys would have been marketed, the only reports we have from the contractor that may fit this request would be the project plans – please advise.
3. **Results of all surveys, polls, focus groups and any other measurement of the general public, the traveling public, or the TSA workforce:** We do not have any information from the general or traveling public, but see below for the volume of reports from the TSA workforce in 2006 and 2008 related to this request

4. *Copies of all reports to the TSA from contractors engaged in efforts to determine opinions of the public, aviation travelers, and TSA employees to develop and refine public-affairs outreach to the traveling public and TSA "messaging":* If I am understanding this part of the request correctly, we do not have any reports from any contractor on outreach to the travelling public.

2006 Reports

- 327 reports at 29 pages each = 9,483 pages
- 12 page corporate snapshots
- 31 page senior leadership report
- 16 page comments analysis report

2008 Reports

- 320 reports at approximately 30 pages each (some are 30 pages, some are 31) = 9,691 pages
- 11 page white mail report
- Note: in 2008, corporate snapshots and senior leadership report were created internally, so they are not included here
- Not sure if the database counts as a "report" for 2006 and 2008 but we would want to withhold if possible to protect anonymity of respondents. The database essentially shows individually completed surveys as it includes singular demographic information from each respondent (although no PII).

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, April 15, 2011 9:59 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: 09-0008 new tasking

Hi (b)(6).

(b)(6) told me to contact you with questions on this request. I called and left you a voicemail this morning, but wasn't sure if you were in. Could we discuss this morning if you are? I'm not really clear on what the requestor is looking for so I wanted to clarify first. You can reach me at (b)(6). Thank you,

(b)(6)
Program Analyst
Organizational Assessment Services

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2011 2:09 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: 09-0008 new tasking

(b)(6) – is this something you can assist with? Thanks!

(b)(6)
571-227 (b)(2), (b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 10:39 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: 09-0008 new tasking

Hi (b)(6)

Please see forwarded FOIA request and (b)(6) e-mail. Please advise if you have any responsive documents.

Thanks,

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

Office of Human Capital, W4-218S
571-227-(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2011 5:41 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: 09-0008 new tasking

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Note that the request only covers work done by consultants and contractors. Anything we administered in-house would not be responsive.

Please return the responsive docs directly to me rather than the FOIAPOC box and, of course, please don't hesitate to call me with questions. Thanks.

Good afternoon,

Please review and respond to the attachment. Identify any information in the responsive records you found during your search that you believe should be withheld, and explain why you believe its release would be harmful. Forward all

responses along with completed tasking sheet. Please return the completed tasking sheet (TSA Form 3601) along with responsive records only to (b)(6)@dhs.gov . If there are no responsive records found fill out the form accordingly and return it for record keeping.

Thanks in advance,

(b)(6)
Freedom of Information Act Office
Transportation Security Administration
(571) 227-

(b)(6)

From: Culmer, Jonella
Sent: Monday, August 03, 2009 12:47 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: TSA09-0008
Attachments: BlueLime final report dec 07.ppt

(b)(6)

I wasn't sure how to best respond to the FOIA request. So, I've attached what all we have in the way of contracting for public opinion. The attached document is a powerpoint presentation we received from BlueLime, the group that did the surveying.

If you need anything else, please don't hesitate to ask.

I apologize for the delay.

Regards,

Jonella J. Culmer

Office of Strategic Communications and Public Affairs

Transportation Security Administration

jonella.culmer@dhs.gov

office: 571.227. (b)(6)

blackberry: (b)(2), (b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2009 4:11 PM
To: Culmer, Jonella
Subject: FW: TSA09-0008

Good afternoon Ms. Culmer,
Would you please provide a response to the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request at your earliest convenience?

Thank you

From: Payne, Sterling
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2009 3:15 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: Culmer, Jonella
Subject: Re: TSA09-0008

Jonella Culmer will be your new contact.

Sterling Payne
TSA Office of Public Affairs
(b)(2), (b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
To: Payne, Sterling

Sent: Thu Jul 09 15:00:50 2009
Subject: FW: TSA09-0008

Good afternoon Ms. Payne,
Would you please provide a point-of-contact?

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 9:59 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: 'Payne, Sterling'
Subject: RE: TSA09-0008

(b)(6)

I no longer work in OPA or handle their FOIA requests. Sterling, it seems like (b)(6) is looking for research conducted with passengers. Can you assist?

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 9:48 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: TSA09-0008

Good morning, have you located any responsive records?

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2009 2:33 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: TSA09-0008

Thank you very much!

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2009 12:04 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: TSA09-0008

Christopher didn't give me anything before he left – can you resend me the item?

Thanks.

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2009 9:48 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: TSA09-0008

Good morning (b)(6)
I am writing to request status of the above referenced FOIA request that was tasked to your office. It appears that Christopher White was the FOIA POC at this time.

Thank you very much for your assistance.



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(b)(6)

Department of Homeland Security
Transportation Security Administration
Telephone: (571) 227-^{(b)(2), (b)(6)}

"Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss it you will land among the stars." Les Brown

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2011 5:41 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: 09-0008 new tasking



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(b)(6)

Freedom of Information Act Office
Transportation Security Administration
(571) 227-

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2011 5:45 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: Question re:2007 contract with BlueLime

(b)(6)

This is actually not a FOIA tasking but rather a request to help out with a FOIA case. We have a request from someone that involves documents produced under a contract that OPA had with BlueLime in 2007 to gauge public opinion of TSA. In order to figure out what documents are responsive and what documents aren't responsive, I need to find out what exactly TSA asked BlueLime to do – so I need to know what the scope of that contract was. Is there any way that you could pull that contract and forward it to me so that I can review it? Please call me if you have any questions. Thanks.

(b)(6)
Freedom of Information Act Office
Transportation Security Administration
(571) 227- (b)(6)

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)@usatoday.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2011 11:13 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Your FOIA request TSA09-0008

Hi, (b)(6)

Thanks for your call and your email.
Here is updated contact information for me:

Phone: (b)(6)
Address: USA Today
7950 Jones Branch Drive
McLean, VA, 22108

Thanks for your help.

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) [mailto:(b)(6)dhs.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2011 5:47 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: Your FOIA request TSA09-0008

(b)(6)

I've recently taken over work on your FOIA request TSA09-0008 (request for copies of communications and reports from private contractors and consultants hired by TSA to solicit public opinion). First and foremost, please allow me to sincerely apologize for the extreme delay in our processing of this request.

I wanted to discuss the nature of the request with you, including going over the responsive records we have found. Additionally, I'd like to clarify the nature of the documents you are seeking to ensure that the search for records was done thoroughly and correctly, including determining on our end whether an additional search needs to be conducted.

I attempted to reach you on the phone number listed on your request, but it appears that number is either no longer yours or is not set up to receive voicemail. So could you please give me a call at your earliest convenience? Thank you.

I look forward to speaking with you.

(b)(6)

Freedom of Information Act Office
Transportation Security Administration
(571) 227-^{(b)(6)}



(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)@ainonline.com]
Sent: Friday, October 17, 2008 12:27 PM
To: Foia
Subject: FOIA request

This is a Freedom of Information Act Request.

Please provide a copy of any risk assessments of the general aviation industry performed by the Transportation Security Administration.

We are willing to pay fees of up to \$1000 for this information.

Any format is acceptable.

Thank you,

(b)(6)

Aviation International News
4572 Via Marina #302
Marina del Rey CA 90292
Ph: (b)(6)
Fax: 213-226-4610
E: (b)(6)@ainonline.com
www.ainonline.com

TSA FOIA DIVISION - 571-227-2300
FOIA CASE NO: TSA09-0058
RECEIVED: 10/29/08
SUSPENSE DATE: 11/5/08
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) Privacy Act Division

FOIA NUMBER

Date Rec'd: 10/29/2008

TSA09-0058

Suspense: 11/5/2008

FROM: (b)(6)

Aviation International News

ACTION OFFICE(s): TSA 28 (b)(6)

The attached request is to be responded to ONLY by the FOIA Office. Please return information requested to TSA-20 Rm: 11th floor, 205S, East Tower. If you require any assistance, please contact FOIA office, 571-227-2300. NOTE: The law requires that the request be answered within 20 working days of receipt. Cognizant offices are expected to respond by the suspense date.

Conduct a search for records, including e-mail records, responsive to the attached request and forward a legible copy (not the original) of all responsive records found to this office for further processing. If no records exist, a written negative report is required.

Identify any information in the responsive records you found during your search that you believe should be withheld, and explain why you believe its release would be harmful.

Estimate the direct search costs that you believe would be incurred in determining whether records responsive to the attached request are in your files. Do not initiate a search unless further advised by this office.

COMMENTS: Req copy of any risk assesments of the gneral aviation industry performed by the TSA.

Indicate where you searched and what type of file the responsive documents were found in.i.e., on desk, emails, filed by name, filed by SSN, in a general file. You may have responsive documents coming from multiple categories, please indicate for each document.

SEARCH TIME (Hrs)	ACTION OFFICE		ATTORNEY	
	PAY BAND	PROCESSING TIME (Hrs)	PAY BAND	TIME (Hrs)
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DATE SEARCH BEGAN _____

This is to certify that all program files pertaining to the FOIA request have been searched and copies of all documents located have been furnished to the FOIA Office.

SIGNATURE OF INDIVIDUAL CERTIFYING ABOVE DATE SIGNED PAY BAND ROUTING SYM^{PT}

SSI Review Request In-Take Form - FOIA

*This form should only be completed and submitted by a member of
TSA's FOIA Office*

Please complete the top portion of this form and email it to SSI@dhs.gov.
Request Form's instructions and related FAQs are available at TSA's Intranet [future]
For guidance regarding sending SSI, see SSI Policy document titled "[future]" (#)

1. TSA FOIA OFFICE COORDINATOR'S INFORMATION			
(a) Name	(b)(6)	(b) Phone ext.	7- [redacted]
(c) Backup's Name	(b)(6)	(d) Phone ext	7- [redacted]
2. DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENT			
(a) FOIA Number:	TSA09-58		
(b) Originating Program Office	TSA-20-TSA09-0058		
(c) Total Page Count (not including request)	201		
3. REQUEST DETAILS			
(a) Name of FOIA Requestor	(b)(6)		
(b) Appeal?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
(c) Date Submitted:	2/18/2009	NOTE: Standard response time is 5 business days (starting 1 st business day after delivery)	
(d) List of any related FOIAs			
(e) Special Instructions or comments (i.e. note any gaps in page numbers, etc.)	Freedom of Information Act Request - General Aviation Risk Assessment Thanks		
4. REVIEW DETAILS			
(a) I, as FOIA Coordinator, have clearly marked all recognized SSI			
Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/> Reason for no initial review:
(b) Citations for SSI Found (Enter "none" if seeking confirmation)	none, seeking confirmation		

Submit the documents for review ***only*** to the SSI Program Office's **Coordinator** or the appointed backup.
Please submit this form in the same format as the accompanying FOIA. (If FOIA is hard-copy, submit the intake form hard-copy.)

**NEVER LEAVE A FOIA CONTAINING SSI IN AN
UNATTENDED SSI PROGRAM OFFICE CUBE**

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Arlington, VA 22202



Transportation
Security
Administration

Date: April 6, 2011

Subject: FOIA: TSA09-0058 Re-review

Gen. Av. Risk Assessment RGM

From: (b)(6), SSI Program
Office of Law Enforcement/FAMS

To: Yvonne Coates, FOIA Officer, FOIA/PA Division
Transportation Security Administration

Per your request, the attached file has been reviewed for Sensitive Security Information (SSI). The information identified as SSI reveals vulnerability assessments information. Therefore, the information in the file should be withheld under FOIA Exemption 3 – 49 CFR 1520.5(b)(5). Please note that additional FOIA exemptions might apply to other portions of the documents.

Our shorthand for redaction citations, as you know, is to note the paragraph within 49 CFR 1520.5(b). Thus, for example: (b)(i) means Exemption 3 – 49 CFR 1520.5(b)(6)(i). The term “RLS” is shorthand for release, meaning to “ignore any previous SSI redactions because this information is not SSI and Exemption 3 does not apply”; the term “WIF” is shorthand for “withhold this entire page [or document] in full”; “RIF” means “this entire page [or document] is not SSI and Exemption 3 does not apply.”

If, during your review or that of the Office of Chief Counsel (OCC), any questions arise regarding the recommendations made by this branch, please feel free to contact us on extension 7-3513.

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

October 29, 2008

TSA09-0058

(b)(6)

Aviation International News
4572 Via Marina #302
Marina del Ray, CA 90292



Transportation
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Dear (b)(6)

This is to inform you that on October 29, 2008, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Office received your FOIA request dated October 17, 2008. Your request has been given identification number TSA09-0058. Please cite this number in any further Inquiry about this request.

I must advise you that depending upon the category of requester you fall in, fees may be charged for searching for records sought at the respective clerical, professional, and/or managerial rates of \$4.00/\$7.00/\$10.25 per quarter hour, and for duplication costs of \$.10 per page.

In accordance with 6 C.F.R. §5.3(c), if you make a FOIA request, it shall be a firm commitment by you to pay all applicable fees charged under § 5.11 up to \$25.00. The combined charges for search and duplication must exceed \$14.00 before we will charge you any fees. Many requests do not require fees; however, if fees exceed \$25.00, we will notify you beforehand.

TSA uses a multi-track system to process requests on a first-in, first-out basis. Simple requests are able to be answered more quickly and will be placed on the fast track of our multi-track processing. More complex requests generally require significant processing time. Although TSA's goal is to respond within 20 business days of receipt of your request, the FOIA does permit a 10-day extension of this time period. If your request involves a voluminous amount of records, requires that we collect records from separate offices, or requires that we consult with another agency, TSA will invoke the 10-day extension for your request.

If you would like to narrow the scope of your request, we may be able to respond more quickly. Please contact us if you wish to narrow your request or arrange for an alternative time period to complete the processing. We can be reached at the following toll free number (866) 364-2872.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Janet".

Kevin J. Janet
FOIA Officer
Freedom of Information Act Office
TSA Headquarters, TSA-20

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Return From

(b)(6)

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(b)(6)

Task Offices:

TSA-28

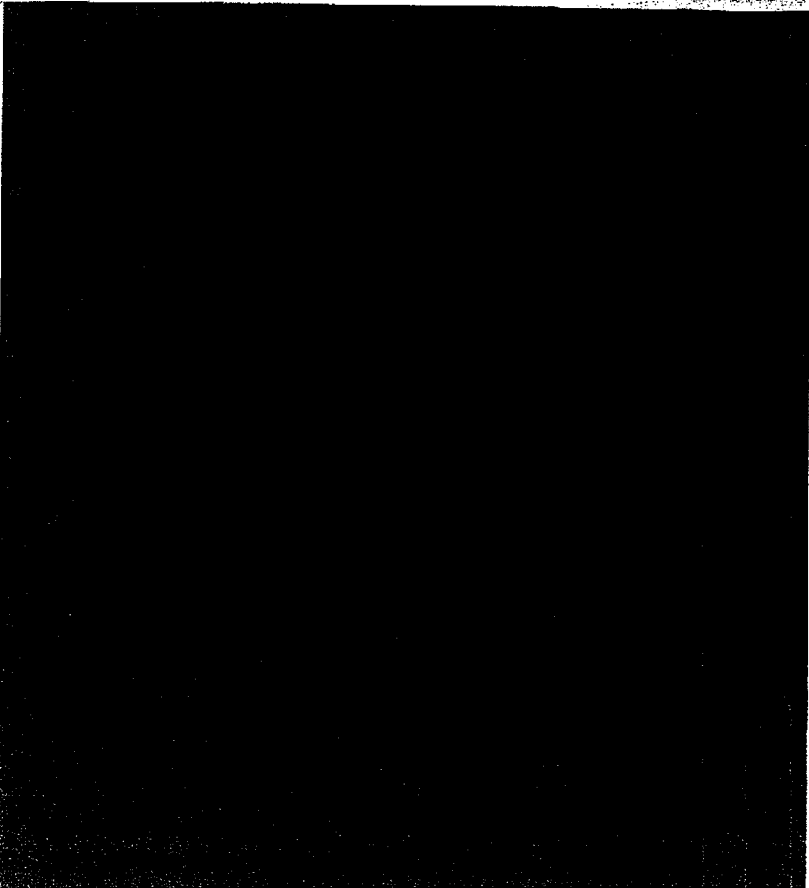
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Print Acknowledgement Letter: YES No

Print Perjury Statement: YES No

Print Third Party Statement: YES No

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 could be SSJ
 see notes of meeting.



(b)(6) (b)(6)

(b)(6) <CTR>

TSAD9-0058

From: Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2008 8:18 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) <CTR>
Subject: FW: New FOIA Tasking
Attachments: DHS MD 11042.1.pdf

(b)(6) here are some answers to the questions raised in your email to (b)(6). The "FOUO" designation placed on federal records has little or no bearing on whether information is exempt from access under the FOIA. The DHS definition for FOUO is provided in the attached DHS MD on sensitive but unclassified information. As provided in the DHS MD: **"Information designated as FOUO is not automatically exempt from disclosure under the provisions of [the FOIA]. Information requested by the public under a FOIA must still be reviewed on a case-by-case basis."**

TSA would not be releasing another agency's records, especially ones that are marked drafts. However, we will need your Office to collect up what you have so we can account for them and respond to the requester with TSA's release determination. Once we are in possession of the records, the FOIA Office (with TSNM recommendations) can determine predecisional status and any other protected interests under the FOIA.

(b)(5)

(b)(5)

. Bottom line, will need TSNM to search for and produce the records to the FOIA as quickly as possible. If you or anyone else in the Office have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

From: (b)(6) <CTR>
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2008 4:09 PM
To: (b)(6) <TSA FOIA>
Subject: FW: New FOIA Tasking

(b)(6)

FOIA Office (TSA-20)
 TSA's Office of the Special Counselor (OSC)
 (571) 227-
 (b)(6)@associates.dhs.gov

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2008 10:56 AM
To: (b)(6) <CTR>
Subject: RE: New FOIA Tasking

Hi (b)(6)

I have a couple of questions:

1) The action office would like to know if For Official Use Only (FOUO) is considered FOIAable? The documentation they are pulling together for the risk assessment has never been released outside of TSA and is still considered pre-decisional by the agency and DHS; also the document needs some serious groundwork

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before it is released.

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Could you please assist me with this?

Thanks

(b)(6)
(b)(6) | TSNM/BMO/Communications
Phone: (571) 227- | Email (b)(6) @dhs.gov

From: (b)(6) <CTR>
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2008 10:13 AM
To: (b)(6)
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Also, please note I could not find you in the database with (b)(6)

(b)(6)
FOIA Office (TSA-20)
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(571) 227-
(b)(6) @associates.dhs.gov

Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>

From: Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>
Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2008 4:10 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>; (b)(6);
 (b)(6) <CTR>
Subject: RE: FOIA Request 09-0058
Attachments: FW: New FOIA Tasking

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Recipient	Read
(b)(6)	
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(b)(6)	Read: 11/12/2008 4:26 PM
(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>	Read: 11/12/2008 4:26 PM
(b)(6)	
(b)(6) <CTR>	Read: 11/13/2008 7:50 AM

(b)(6), here is the response I sent you on October 30th, one day after you inquired with my admin assistant. I think I answered all of your questions.

Risk assessments and threat assessments are two different subject matters. (b)(5)
 Regarding the GA Risk Assessment, we can have a meeting if necessary but I think I understand your basic concerns and we can address them as the report is processed. Please send me a meeting request at your earliest convenience - we are long past due on getting this Request responded to. Assuming these records contain SSI, they will be reviewed by the SSI Office who will consult Subject Matter Experts as needed. Finally, TSNM can review and concur, or otherwise express their objections to any information that may be proposed for release. OCC can take part in these discussions.

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2008 2:58 PM
To: Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>; (b)(6) <CTR>
Cc: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>; (b)(6)
Subject: FW: FOIA Request 09-0058

Hello,

I never heard back from anyone and I just wanted to follow up and see if we (TSNM) could meet about our concerns with this FOIA request?

Thanks

(b)(6)
 (b)(6) | TSNM/BMO/Communications
 Phone: (571) 227- (b)(6) Email: (b)(6)@dhs.gov

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Cc: (b)(6)

11/13/2008

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(b)(6) | TSNM/BMO/Communications
Phone: (571) 227- (b)(6) Email: (b)(6)@dhs.gov

From: (b)(6) <CTR>
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2008 10:13 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: New FOIA Tasking

Also, please note I could not find you in the database with (b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 11:44 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6); Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>; (b)(6)
Subject: RE: FOIA 09-0058, inter-office consultations required

(b)(6) thank you for the in depth feedback and status on this FOIA.

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 11:27 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FOIA 09-0058, inter-office consultations required

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As previously discussed. (b)(5)

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At this point I have no timeline for completion.

(b)(6)

Sensitive Security Information Office, OSC
571-227- (w)
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From: (b)(6) <TSA FOIA>
Sent: Thursday, May 07, 2009 8:30 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: Throw weight study

fyi.....

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Sent: Wednesday, May 06, 2009 8:35 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>; Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>
Subject: RE: Throw weight study

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Attorney-Advisor
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From: (b)(6) <TSA OCC> [mailto:(b)(6)@dhs.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 06, 2009 8:12 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Subject: Throw weight study

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(b)(6) (Regulations & Security Standards) Transportation Security Administration

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2009 4:24 PM
To: Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>; (b)(6)
Subject: FW: "Throw Weight Study" aka General Aviation Risk Assessment

TSA09-0058

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49 CFR 1520 says;

§ 1520.1 Scope.

(a) *Applicability.* This part governs the maintenance, safeguarding, and disclosure of records and information that TSA has determined to be Sensitive Security Information, as defined in § 1520.5. This part does not apply to the maintenance, safeguarding, or disclosure of classified national security information, as defined by Executive Order 12968, or to other sensitive unclassified information that is not SSI, but that nonetheless may be exempt from public disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. In addition, in the case of information that has been designated as critical infrastructure information under section 214 of the Homeland Security Act, the receipt, maintenance, or disclosure of such information by a Federal agency or employee is governed by section 214 and any implementing regulations, not by this part.

§ 1520.5 Sensitive security information.

(a) *In general.* In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 114(s), SSI is information obtained or developed in the conduct of security activities, including research and development, the disclosure of which TSA has determined would be detrimental to the security of transportation.

(16) Other information. Any information not otherwise described in this section that TSA determines is SSI under 49 U.S.C. 114(s) or that the Secretary of DOT determines is SSI under 49 U.S.C. 40119. Upon the request of another Federal agency, TSA or the Secretary of DOT may designate as SSI information not otherwise described in this section.

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DP: 571-227

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2009 3:50 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: "Throw Weight Study" aka General Aviation Risk Assessment

(b)(6)

This is the document I reviewed in 2007 and said was FOUO. Recently FOIA'd and brought to the attention of Gale Rossides by OCC.

(b)(5)

As this is getting a lot of visibility I wanted to get in writing whether you considered this to be a formal challenge.

(b)(6)

Sensitive Security Information Office, OSC

571-227- (w)

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From: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2009 10:37 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>; Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>
Subject: TSA09-0058 GA risk assessment

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*Per SSI
have no such record*

*Make A
p/o of w/copy 1/28*

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, April 06, 2011 8:32 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: TSA09-0058 and TSA09-0264

Can u please tell me the status of the above mentioned FOIA? It has been pending in the SSI Office for a long time. According to (b)(6) notes, this file was sent for an SSI review on 2/18/2009. As you can see below I called the requester two months ago to see if he was still interested in this two year old request but to no avail. Will reconnect sometime today with him.

This request was filed by (b)(6) Aviation International News. This request (TSA09-0058) pertains to the GA Risk Assessment prepared for TSA by the Homeland Security Institute. The second request (TSA09-0264), pertains to civil aviation (general aviation) threat assessments. The 11/2007 threat assessment report prepared by OI, contains information very similar to that found in the GA Threat Assessment report, such as GA facts, figures and definitions as well as general information about terrorists and other potential bad actors.

The 11/2007 threat assessment is heavily footnoted for its content. Of the 22 footnotes, 20 are public sources (published media reports and public source internet content). The final two foot notes pertain to al-Qa'ida alleged terrorist plots, one of which (b)(6) found on MSNBC: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/5626850/>. The second one pertains to an anonymous source giving information about an alleged l-Qa'ida plot to use helicopters to crash into the Library Tower/Los Angeles. The terrorists' supposed interest in the Library Tower is widely published.

Regarding the 12/2008 threat assessment, (b)(6) ran numerous queries of the data and found the information to be publicly available. Any information you can provide us regarding these FOIAs would be appreciated!!

Thanks,

(b)(6)

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Freedom of Information Act Office (TSA-20)
Office of the Special Counselor
571-227-[REDACTED]

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2011 12:26 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: TSA09-0058 and TSA09-0264

(b)(6)

Just checking on the status of these two FOIAs that were assigned to (b)(6) and sent to the SSI Office. After reviewing (b)(6) notes, and the email(s) dated 2/2/10 and 2/25/10 both from (b)(6) is re-reviewing 09-024 to determine if there is SSI based on what information is SSI in Parts I and II in 09-0058.

In the meantime, cross your fingers, I will contact the requester to see if he is still interested.

Thanks,

(b)(6)

Tracking:

Recipient

(b)(6)

Delivery

Delivered: 4/6/2011 8:32 AM

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2010 3:34 PM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; (b)(6); Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>(b)(6)
Subject: As per our meetings today on FOIAs 09-0058 and 09-0264

(b)(5)

Thanks everyone.

(b)(6)

Sensitive Security Information (SSI) Branch
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Office of Intelligence (TSA-10)
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U.S. Department of Homeland Security
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From: (b)(6)@ainonline.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2011 5:52 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: Re: FOIA Case Number(s): TSA09-0058 and TSA09-0264

Thank you, (b)(6)

Yes, this FOIA request remains active and I would like to follow it through.

I appreciate your getting in touch.

Regards,

(b)(6)



On Thu, Jun 2, 2011 at 11:11 AM, (b)(6)@tsa.dhs.gov> wrote:

Dear (b)(6)

This email is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request(s) to the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), dated October 17, 2008 and January 29, 2009, in which you requested "a copy of any risk assessments of the general aviation industry performed by the Transportation Security Administration.

We regret that we did not advise you that due to the increasing number of FOIA requests received by this office, we could encounter some delay in processing your request. We are advising you now and sincerely apologize for the lengthy delay and any inconvenience it may have caused. However, we want to let you know that we have been making earnest and diligent efforts to reduce the backlog of cases, and that your file is scheduled to be reviewed in the near future.

Before we begin the time-consuming review process, we want to ensure that you are still interested in continuing the processing of this request. Please indicate your continued interest in pursuing these records within 30 days from the date of this letter, or we will assume you are no longer interested in this FOIA request, and the case will be administratively closed.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please refer to TSA09-0058 and TSA09-0264. I can be reached at 1-571-227- (b)(6). Again, please accept our apology for the lengthy delay.

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

FOIA Office (TSA-20)

TSA's Office of the Special Counselor (OSC)

571-227-**(b)(6)**

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, July 08, 2011 1:32 PM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <EP-TSOC>;
Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Outstanding FOIAs for GA Risk Assessments

I just heard from our contractor that the document in question – Secret Level Annex is 22 pages

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, July 08, 2011 11:13 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <EP-TSOC>; (b)(6); Johnson, Robert S <TSA
OCC>; (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Outstanding FOIAs for GA Risk Assessments

I did not see the document in our safe.

-----Original Appointment-----

From: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2011 11:19 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <EP-TSOC>; Coates, Yvonne <TSA
OSC>; (b)(6) Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6)
Subject: Outstanding FOIAs for GA Risk Assessments
When: Friday, July 08, 2011 10:30 AM-11:00 AM (GMT-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: HQE12-001N 18 Seat Conference Room

TSA has 3 outstanding FOIA requests for the 3-volume GA Risk Assessment: TSA09-0058, TSA09-0168 & TSA09-0264. As some of you will recall, the initial review of the risk assessment found no SSI. [REDACTED]

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The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether the Gale briefing is still needed. If so, is the margin annotation still needed?

MESSAGE

For (b)(6) date 1/2/09
from (b)(6) time 7:24 AM
photo (b)(6) fax
message Public Affairs Personnel
Contact Info.
09-0058
press call back time

Rest call
2-9-9
@ 7:24 P

Who: (b)(6) - MEDIA

What: Copy of RISK ASSESSMENTS
OF GEN. AVIATION IND.
Performed by TSA

Why: FOIA of 1966 545022

Dyer Box check

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Arlington, VA 22202



Transportation
Security
Administration

Date: March 6, 2009
Subject: FOIA: TSA09-0058
From: Director, SSI Office
Office of the Special Counselor
To: Kevin Janet, FOIA Officer, FOIA/PA Division
Transportation Security Administration

Per your request, the attached file has been reviewed for Sensitive Security Information (SSI). Our office has determined that it contains no SSI.

If, during your review or that of the Office of Chief Counsel, any questions arise regarding the recommendations made by this office, please feel free to contact us on extension 7-3513.

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

Andrew Colsky

Attachments: TSA09-0058

OBE

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2011 1:55 PM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: 09-0058 and 09-0264

UPDATE

(b)(6) returned both files today and told me they were sent back to SSI on August 19, 2011. I was under the assumption that both files were being circulated by BJ for coordination, (b)(6) stated they would probably be here at headquarters for awhile. Essentially it doesn't appear that they will be released anytime soon. YC updated FileMaker August 22, 2011.

I guess we continue to hold on to the files until further notice.

(b)(6)

Tracking:



Yvonne Coates Modified By 2/11/2009 Date Entered 8/22/2011 Date Modified

Log Number TSA09-0264 Entered By (b)(6)

Date of Request 1/29/2009 Recv'd in FOIA 2/11/2009 Date Assigned Processor (b)(6)

Recv'd Via Mail Request Type A Administrative

Expedited Proc. Request Granted Denied Granted/Denied

Fee Waiver Request Granted Denied Granted/Denied

Process Type Complex Expedited Requested

Requester First Name (b)(6) Last Name (b)(6) Middle

Company Aviation International News

Address 4572 Via Marina #302 High Profile

Marina Del Rey CA 90292 Envelope Label

Contract Numbers

Requested Document Seeking TSA to Provide answers to various questions relating to security threat assessment or evaluation of the general aviation industry or general aviation aircraft operations. See file for details.

Fee Category Media/Press Total Amount Due 0.00 Advanced Fee Paid

Date Money Recv'd Suspense 2/18/2009 Days Overdue 628 New Suspense

Tasking and OCC Tracking Total OCC Days 148 Pending Review/concurrence

Where: 1 2 4 5 6 9 10 11 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 25 24 26 28 29 31 32 33 36 37 38 901 TSOC FSD SN

Waiting for: Tolling: Unperfected Request: Perjury Statement:

To SSI: 8/19/2011 SSI Days From SSI:

To OCC Days From OCC 9/4/2009 73 12/15/2009 6/27/2011 3 6/29/2011 7/8/2011 72 Tracking

Disposition of Requests Exemption 552b 1 2h 2l 3 4 5 6 2 Other Reasons for Nondisclosure 7 a b c d e f 9

Exemption 3 Statute Edit

Interim Response



Yvonne.Coates Modified By 10/29/2008 Date Entered 8/22/2011 Date Modified

Log Number Entered By TSA09-0058 (b)(6)

Date of Request Recv'd in FOIA Date Assigned Processor 10/17/2008 10/29/2008 5/19/2011 (b)(6)

Recv'd Via Request Type Email T Technical

Expedited Proc. Request Granted Denied Granted/Denied

Fee Waiver Request Granted Denied Granted/Denied

Process Type Complex Expedited Requested

Requester First Name Last Name Middle (b)(6) (b)(6)

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Contract Numbers

Requested Document Req copy of any risk assesments of the general aviation industry performed by the TSA.

Fee Category Media/Press Total Amount Due 0.00 Advanced Fee Paid

Date Money Recv'd Suspense Days Overdue New Suspense 11/5/2008 707

Tasking and OCC Total OCC Days Pending Tracking 215 Review/concurrence

Where: 1 2 4 5 6 9 10 11 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 25 24 26 28 29 31 32 33 36 37 38 901 TSOC FSD SN

Waiting for: Tolling: Unperfected Request: Perjury Statement:

To SSI: 8/19/2011 SSI Days From SSI:

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Exemption 3 Statute Edit Interim Response

(b)(6)

From: Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>
Sent: Thursday, May 07, 2009 11:28 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>
Subject: FW: TSA09-0058 GA risk assessments, TSA09-0264 GA threat assessment
Attachments: 2007nov report.pdf; Civil Aviation Threat Assessment dec 08.pdf; tasking emails to tsa10.pdf

Consider this an operational heads-up, especially for OI. This is a second request filed by (b)(6) /Aviation International News. The first request (TSA09-0058) pertains to the GA Risk Assessment prepared for TSA by the Homeland Security Institute. This request (TSA09-0264), pertains to civil aviation (general aviation) threat assessments. The 11/2007 threat assessment report prepared by OI, contains information very similar to that found in the GA Threat Assessment report, such as GA facts, figures and definitions as well as general information about terrorists and other potential bad actors. (I understand OCC will recommend release of the GA Risk Assessment Report in full). The 11/2007 threat assessment is heavily footnoted for its content. Of the 22 footnotes, 20 are public sources (published media reports and public source internet content.) The final two footnotes pertain to al-Qa'ida alleged terrorist plots, one of which I found on MSNBC: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/5626850/>. The second one pertains to an anonymous source giving information about an alleged al-Qa'ida plot to use helicopters to crash into the Library Tower/Los Angeles. The terrorists' supposed interest in the Library Tower is widely published.

Regarding the 12/2008 threat assessment, I have run numerous queries of the data and found the information to be publicly available.

SSI is currently reviewing the reports. (b)(5)

(b)(6) has asked the FOIA Office to advise OI of the decision prior to release and we will do so. (b)(6) I am open to hearing any concerns your office may have regarding the release of these records.

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, May 07, 2009 8:36 AM
To: Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>
Subject: TSA09-0264 another sensitive issue like 09-0058

(b)(6)

Office of Special Counselor (OSC)
 FOIA OFFICE
 Transportation Security Administration
 571-227-**(b)(6)**

April 2, 2009

FOIA Number: TSA09-0058 (b)(6) - media

ISSUE: (b)(6) requested the attached information (see incoming tab).

DISCUSSION:

- Tasked to TSA-28 and responsive documents were received (volume one and two – See Release Tab).
- Volume one and two were sent to SSI for review (no SSI found - See Recommend Tab).
- TSA-28 deemed this material to be pre-decisional and should be withheld (See Background Tab).

FEES: none

Search:

Duplication:

Review:

Total:

RELEASABLE:

- We are withholding 177 pages in full, releasing portions of 4 pages and releasing 38 pages in full to the requester.

COMMENDATION:

(b)(5)

IA POC: (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Freedom of Information Act Clearance Sheet

FOIA Case No. TSA09-0058

File in Process				
Date	Approved Initial Here	Approved with Edits Initial Here	Reject Initial Here	Comments
6/22/11	(b)(6)			SSI completed a re-review of the material requested on 4/11/11. Portions of the documents are considered to be SSI Red and black VR copies attached
6/29/11			(b)(6)	Sticky note p. 1. Docs on S drive & paper docs are different like paper docs here
6/29/11	(b)(6)			
6/29/11			(b)(6)	See [scribble]
				See mtg invite inside
7/8/11	(b)(6)			Added b1 to letter

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SSI cite
box at top
Pls clarify

Final Approval

Office	Signature	Date
OCC		
FOIA		
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(b)(6) TSA-FOIA>

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 3:57 PM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: FOIA 09-0168 re-review

Hi (b)(6)

I placed the above folder in the outbox.

(b)(6)

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Office of Law Enforcement/Federal Air Marshal Service
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(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, April 06, 2011 11:07 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA> (b)(6)
Subject: FW: General Aviation FOIAs

FYI. This relates to cases the two of you have.

(b)(6)
Freedom of Information Act Office
Transportation Security Administration
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From: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2011 11:45 AM
To: (b)(6) Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Cc: Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6)
Subject: General Aviation FOIAs

TSA09-0058, 09-0168 & 09-0264 are all related to this SSI review.

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2011 6:22 PM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>
Subject: RE: SSI Review Number: (11 0301) - General Aviation Aircraft Damage Analyses and Final Brief

Finalized & sent to FOIA (b)(6) notified Bob as he was the one to come down and boot me in behind to get it done.

From: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2011 6:08 PM
To: (b)(6); Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>
Subject: RE: SSI Review Number: (11 0301) - General Aviation Aircraft Damage Analyses and Final Brief

I don't believe we ever finalized the 3-volume GARA, the subject of a couple of FOIAs.

(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)

Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2011 1:20 PM

To: Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <TSA OCC>

Cc: (b)(6)@dhs.gov; (b)(6)

Subject: SSI Review Number: (11 0301) - General Aviation Aircraft Damage Analyses and Final Brief

Bob,

(b)(5)

<< File: 10-25 General Aviation Final Report-for-consult.pdf >>

(b)(5) [redacted] <TSA OCC>

Subject: Outstanding FOIAs for GA Risk Assessments
Location: HQE12-001N 18 Seat Conference Room

Start: Fri 7/1/2011 10:30 AM
End: Fri 7/1/2011 11:00 AM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Meeting organizer

Organizer: (b)(6) [redacted] <TSA OCC>

Required Attendees: Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) [redacted] <EP-TSOC>; Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>; (b)(6) [redacted]

Resources: HQE12-001N 18 Seat Conference Room


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(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2011 2:24 PM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>; (b)(6)
Subject: FW: Outstanding FOIAs for GA Risk Assessments

Yvonne L. Coates

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(571) 227-


From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2011 12:50 PM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <EP-TSOC>; Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>; (b)(6)
(b)(6); Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Outstanding FOIAs for GA Risk Assessments

To prepare for this meeting, the SSI Program provides the following background based on our recollection of these reviews:

Early 2009: The SSI Program completed the initial request for SSI Review and determined there was no SSI with the information contained did not meet the regulatory intent of 49CFR1520 that to be SSI the information must be "detrimental to the security of transportation". Philosophically, the GA Risk Assessments were based on the concept that security had already been breached for the conditions of the assessment to exist. The SSI Office consulted multiple SMEs when making its determination.

Late 2009: The SSI Program received additional guidance from Senior Leadership to protect whatever information may be used by adversaries to evaluate potential transportation targets.

August 2010: Under these parameters, the SSI Program re-reviewed the document and selected portions of the document to be withheld as SSI. At this time, (b)(5)


Much of the unprotected portions of the documents was based on basic science and footnoted to extensive publicly-available information.



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-----Original Appointment-----

From: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>

Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2011 11:19 AM

To: (b)(6) <EP-TSOC>; Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>; (b)(6)

Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6)

Subject: Outstanding FOIAs for GA Risk Assessments

When: Friday, July 08, 2011 10:30 AM-11:00 AM (GMT-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: HQE12-001N 18 Seat Conference Room

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(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2011 9:56 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: Status of Open Cases_2005-2009

(b)(6)

Can I get a status update on the FOIAs listed below? I actually have 09-0168 as it is the same as 09-0058 and 09-0264 which are in SSI review, I believe. Thanks.

(b)(6)

Transportation Security Administration
571-227-
(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2011 1:22 PM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: RE: Status of Open Cases_2005-2009

(b)(6)

Did you get a chance to ask the components for an update regarding 08-0573, 09-0168, and 09-0792 (see below)?

Thanks,

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, November 09, 2011 9:12 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: RE: Status of Open Cases_2005-2009

Hi (b)(6),

I have another quick question concerning the older requests. Have you recently followed up with the components regarding outstanding reviews? A few cases I noticed that require a follow-up are 08-0573 (OCC), 09-0168 (SSI/OCC), and 09-0792 (OCC). If you have not recently (since 10/1/11) inquired about review status, please do so by COB tomorrow, November 10th. If you send emails, please cc me so that I may update my spreadsheet. If you decide to make phone calls, please let me know the outcome for the same reason. Also, make sure you annotate this in Filemaker. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Sent: Tuesday, November 08, 2011 10:31 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Status of Open Cases_2005-2009

Hi (b)(6)


Here is the status of those foia's.

Non Responsive

09-0168 – OCC didn't agree with SSI redactions which is why there were multiple reviews by the SSI Office. OCC is still finalizing redactions with SSI Office.

Non Responsive

(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, November 07, 2011 11:08 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: Status of Open Cases_2005-2009


Hi (b)(6)

I am currently gathering information about older cases (2005-2009) which remain open in this office. Please take a look at the attachment, which contains information (and some questions) about some cases assigned to you for processing. Please provide a status for each case by Noon tomorrow, 8 November. Don't worry about providing an update on those cases which are shaded green (they seem to be self-explanatory). (b)(5)

 Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
(b)(6)

(b)(6)

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Transportation Security Administration
(571) 227-

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(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, November 25, 2011 2:19 PM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: RE: OCC Reviews

(b)(6)

FYI... I queried (b)(6) and (b)(6) about the review for 09-0168/09-0058/09-0264. I will let you know as soon as I hear something.

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Sent: Wednesday, November 23, 2011 8:11 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: OCC Reviews

09-0168 is the same request as 09-0058 and 09-0264. (b)(6) told me to hold on to mine until the other two were finished.

Non Responsive

(b)(6)

Transportation Security Administration
571-227

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, November 23, 2011 7:29 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: OCC Reviews

(b)(6)

Please check on the status of OCC review for the following cases:

09-0168


Non Responsive

OCC shows them as 'Inactive' in their database, but the TSA-2 box is checked in Filemaker. Please check the status and update Filemaker accordingly. Please let me know of any discrepancies.

Thanks,

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

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(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, January 04, 2012 8:56 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: FW: Status of GARA (RE: Outstanding FOIAs for GA Risk Assessments)

(b)(6)

FYI... This applies to your 09-0168; hopefully we can close these three out this week.

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, January 04, 2012 8:54 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Status of GARA (RE: Outstanding FOIAs for GA Risk Assessments)

Received final comments from Chief yesterday. Should have it for you tomorrow.

(b)(6), OLE-FAMS/SSI

From my BlackBerry

(b)(2), (b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
To: (b)(6)
Sent: Wed Jan 04 08:48:08 2012
Subject: RE: Status of GARA (RE: Outstanding FOIAs for GA Risk Assessments)

Good morning and Happy New Year,

I'd just like to check on the status of the review for these three cases.

Thank you,

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, December 02, 2011 3:12 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Status of GARA (RE: Outstanding FOIAs for GA Risk Assessments)

(b)(6)

Over a period of time the multivolume work has undergone a number of reviews. I have completed volumes 1 & 2 which are marked with my final recommendations to the new chief of the office. He has asked that I conduct a final check and identify any areas not proposed for redaction that might be prone to challenge. I will consult with him once that is completed to provide a final date to you for completion of this review.

(b)(6)

OLE/FAMS, Office of Security, SSI Program

(b)(2), (b)(6) (cell)

Records guide 5000 unless otherwise noted.

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, November 25, 2011 1:22 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: Status of GARA (RE: Outstanding FOIAs for GA Risk Assessments)

(b)(6)

At your convenience, will you please provide an update on the status of this review? Please see below for history and let me know if you have any questions.

I appreciate your time,

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

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Office of the Special Counselor
Transportation Security Administration
(571) 227-

From: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Sent: Wednesday, November 23, 2011 1:25 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Status of GARA (RE: Outstanding FOIAs for GA Risk Assessments)

Back to FOIA.

(b)(6)
(BlackBerry - (b)(2), (b)(6))

From: (b)(6)
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Sent: Wed Nov 23 08:56:19 2011
Subject: RE: Status of GARA (RE: Outstanding FOIAs for GA Risk Assessments)

Good morning, (b)(6)

When you sent these three cases to the SSI office to review, did you do so with the intention of having them respond directly to you or to the FOIA office? As an aside, I noticed 09-0264 is not on the list of FOIAs in OCC.

Thank you,

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

Freedom of Information Act Office
Office of the Special Counselor
Transportation Security Administration
(571) 227-██████████

From: Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 8:46 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Cc: Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <EP-TSOC>; (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: RE: Status of GARA (RE: Outstanding FOIAs for GA Risk Assessments)

I have marked the associated FOIAs (TSA09-0058, TSA09-0168 & TSA09-0264) in Filemaker as being delivered to SSI by you on 8/19/11.

Yvonne L. Coates

Director, Freedom of Information Act Office

Office of the Special Counselor

Transportation Security Administration

(571) 227-██████████ (b)(2), (b)(6)

From: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2011 2:41 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <EP-TSOC>; (b)(6), Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Subject: RE: Status of GARA (RE: Outstanding FOIAs for GA Risk Assessments)

Thanks, (b)(6) Yvonne, these FOIAs should be marked as being in SSI review in FileMaker.

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

Office of Chief Counsel

Transportation Security Administration

571-227-██████████

(b)(6) (BB)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2011 11:45 AM

To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Cc: Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <EP-TSOC>; (b)(6)
Subject: Status of GARA (RE: Outstanding FOIAs for GA Risk Assessments)

(b)(6)

There appears to be some confusion regarding the tasking that resulted from this meeting. I was under the impression TSNM was going to look it over a last time and submit to us any areas they thought redactions should be expanded. TSNM thought we were going to look over their earlier proposed redactions and explain why areas are not SSI.

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(b)(5)

(b)(6)

OLE/FAMS, Office of Security, SSI Program

7 (b)(2), (b)(6)(cell)

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-----Original Appointment-----

From: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2011 10:23 AM
To: Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <EP-TSOC>; Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>; (b)(6)
Subject: Outstanding FOIAs for GA Risk Assessments
When: Thursday, July 07, 2011 4:30 PM-5:00 PM (GMT-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: HQE12-001N 18 Seat Conference Room

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[Redacted]

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December 1, 2008

Kevin J. Janet
 FOIA Officer
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Hugo Teufel III
 Chief FOIA Officer
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 Washington, DC 20528-0550
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Departmental Disclosure Office
 U.S. Department of Homeland Security
 Washington, DC 20528

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Mr. Janet and Mr. Teufel:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, and 6 C.F.R. Part 5, the National Business Aviation Association ("NBAA") hereby requests that the Transportation Security Administration ("TSA") and U.S. Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") provide to it copies of the following:

- (1) All documents¹ and records concerning the "four scenarios" dealing with the destructive capability of an aircraft in addition to loss of life and property, as discussed in the pending Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, "Large Aircraft Security Program, Other Aircraft Operator Security Program, and Airport Operator Security Program," 73 Fed. Reg. 64790, 64822-824 (October 30, 2008) (the "NPRM").

¹ The term "documents" encompasses memoranda, letters, correspondence, notes, data, reports, emails, presentations, exhibits, spreadsheets, books, charts, graphs, computer-sourced materials, written communications, work papers, technical specifications, manuals, text messages, transcripts, or any other materials.

TSA FOIA DIVISION - (771-227-2300)
 FOIA CASE NO: TSA09-0168
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(2) All documents and records concerning the consideration of setting the aircraft threshold weight in this proposed rule at 10,500 pounds and 16,000 pounds, as discussed in the pending NPRM, 73 Fed. Reg. at 64838.

(3) All documents and records concerning discussions with foreign governments or foreign agencies (including, but not limited to, the European Union, European Commission, and individual member states thereof) about proposals, rules, regulations or laws for general aviation security and the size of aircraft to be covered by any such proposal, rule, regulation or law that those foreign governments or agencies have been or are considering, examining, evaluating, debating, studying or implementing.

Pursuant to 6 C.F.R. §5.3(c), NBAA commits to paying all fees charged under §5.11 to provide the requested documents up to \$25.00 and to pay any reasonable additional fees beyond \$25.00.

Pursuant to 6 C.F.R. §5.5(d), NBAA requests expedited consideration of this FOIA request. NBAA publishes newsletters, press releases, news briefings, and other materials to its members and the general public regarding proposed and actual federal government activities involving business aviation. NBAA also consults with its members and submits comments on their behalf in rulemaking proceedings of importance to them, such as this one. NBAA needs to evaluate the requested documents and disseminate information related thereto to its many members in order to consult and advise them on significant issues arising from the NPRM. There is an urgency to inform the public (and NBAA's members) about this proposed federal government activity. NBAA requests that the TSA/DHS waive the formality of a "certification" in this regard as a matter of administrative discretion, as provided in 6 C.F.R. §5.5(d)(3).

If NBAA's requests are denied in whole or in part, we ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the FOIA. We expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempted material, and we wish to have copies made and furnished of all such materials.

We reserve the right to make further FOIA requests related to the NPRM and to appeal your decision to withhold any information.

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) Privacy Act Division

FOIA NUMBER

Date Rec'd: 12/18/2008

TSA09-0168

Suspense: 12/25/2008

FROM: (b)(6)
National Aviation Association, Inc.

ACTION OFFICE(s): TSA-29 (b)(6)

The attached request is to be responded to ONLY by the FOIA Office. Please return information requested to TSA-20 Rm: 11th floor, 205S, East Tower. If you require any assistance, please contact FOIA office, 571-227-2300. NOTE: The law requires that the request be answered within 20 working days of receipt. Cognizant offices are expected to respond by the suspense date.

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COMMENTS: Contact (b)(6) (571) 227- for comments and/or questions. Please fill out tasking sheet and return to (b)(6) FOIA Office.

Indicate where you searched and what type of file the responsive documents were found in i.e., on desk, emails, filed by name, filed by SSN, in a general file. You may have responsive documents coming from multiple categories, please indicate for each document.

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DATE SEARCH BEGAN _____

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Transportation
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Date: July 29, 2010

Subject: FOIA: TSA09-0168

From: (b)(6), SSI Branch
Office of Intelligence

To: Kevin Janet, FOIA Officer, FOIA/PA Division
Transportation Security Administration

Per your request, the attached file has been reviewed for Sensitive Security Information (SSI). The information identified as SSI reveals security measures. Therefore, the information in the file should be withheld under FOIA Exemption 3 – 49 CFR 1520.5(b)(5). Please note that additional FOIA exemptions might apply to other portions of the documents.

Our shorthand for redaction citations, as you know, is to note the paragraph within 49 CFR 1520.5(b). Thus, for example: (6)(i) means Exemption 3 – 49 CFR 1520.5(b)(6)(i). The term “RLS” is shorthand for release, meaning to “ignore any previous SSI redactions because this information is not SSI and Exemption 3 does not apply”; the term “WIF” is shorthand for “withhold this entire page [or document] in full”; “RIF” means “this entire page [or document] is not SSI and Exemption 3 does not apply.”

If, during your review or that of the Office of Chief Counsel (OCC), any questions arise regarding the recommendations made by this branch, please feel free to contact us on extension 7-3513.

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Arlington, VA 22202



Transportation
Security
Administration

Date: March 2, 2011

Subject: FOIA: TSA09-0168 Re-review

From: (b)(6), SSI Program
Office of Law Enforcement/FAMS

To: Yvonne Coates, FOIA Officer, FOIA/PA Division
Transportation Security Administration

Per your request, the attached file has been reviewed for Sensitive Security Information (SSI). The information identified as SSI reveals vulnerability assessments information. Therefore, the information in the file should be withheld under FOIA Exemption 3 – 49 CFR 1520.5(b)(5). Please note that additional FOIA exemptions might apply to other portions of the documents.

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FOIA Request Certification

INSTRUCTIONS: FOIA Points-of-Contact (POCs) will complete Section II and forward responsive records by mail to the TSA Headquarters FOIA Office, TSA-20, or by e-mail to the tasking individual, unless otherwise noted and explained below. If the search identifies TSA has a large volume of responsive records, FOIA POCs must contact the FOIA Office as soon as possible following receipt of this issued form to provide a cost estimate prior to continuing to process the request. Questions should be directed to the FOIA Office at (571) 227-2300, 866-FOIA-TSA (866-364-2872).

SECTION I. CASE SUSPENSE & IDENTIFICATION		
FOIA OFFICE USE ONLY		
FOIA POC response required on or before: June 25, 2009		
FOIA POCs direct e-mails replies to: (b)(6)		
FOIA Case No.: TSA09-0168	Date: 6/11/09	
Action Office(s): TSA-28 (b)(6)		
Request Received From: (b)(6)		
Requester Seeks: (see attached request for further description)		
SECTION II. FOIA POC		
Part A. Contact Information		
Name:	Phone No.:	
Title:		
Part B. Recommendations (Check all that apply and provide appropriate responses)		
<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Release all responsive records. (identify records and from where retrieved)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Withhold select responsive records. (explain)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Withhold all responsive records. (explain)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	4. No responsive records. Search failed to identify and/or locate responsive records. (explain)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Recommend FOIA Office contact the following DHS Component, TSA Office and/ or individuals, identified, in order to search for responsive records. (identify)	
PART C. Cost Estimate		
Search Time (hrs.) / Pay Band	Processing Time (hrs.) / Pay Band	Attorney Time (hrs.) / Pay Band
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PART D. Response Certification		
I certify that a search reasonably calculated to uncover all responsive records, paper and electronic, has been conducted and all responsive records have been reviewed, copied and provided to the HQ FOIA Office -TSA-20, or otherwise noted with explanations and/or recommendations provided herein.		
FOIA POC Signature:		Date:

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) Privacy Act Division

FOIA NUMBER

Date Rec'd: 12/19/2008

TRAPP-D1A8

Number: 12/25/2008

FROM: (b)(6)

Patrolmen's Association, Inc.

ACTION OFFICE(S): FOIA-75 (b)(6)

The attached request is to be responded to ONLY by the FOIA Office. Please return information requested to TSA-20 Rm 11th floor, 2055, East Tower. If you require any assistance, please contact FOIA office, 571-227-2300. NOTE: The law requires that the request be answered within 20 working days of receipt. Cognizant offices are expected to respond by the suspense date.

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COMMENTS: Contact (b)(6) (571) 227- for comments and/or questions. Please fill out tracking sheet and return to (b)(6) FOIA Office.

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(b)(6) Officer.

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) Privacy Act Division

FOIA NUMBER

Date Rec'd: 12/18/2008

TSA09-0168

Suspense: 12/25/2008

FROM: (b)(6)

National Aviation Association, Inc.

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December 18, 2008

TSA09-0168



Transportation
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(b)(6)

National Aviation Association, Inc.
1200 Eighteenth Street, NW, Suite 400
Washington, DC 20036

Dear (b)(6)

This is to inform you that on December 18, 2008, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Office received your FOIA request dated December 1, 2008. Your request has been given identification number TSA09-0168. Please cite this number in any further Inquiry about this request.

I must advise you that depending upon the category of requester you fall in, fees may be charged for searching for records sought at the respective clerical, professional, and/or managerial rates of \$4.00/\$7.00/\$10.25 per quarter hour, and for duplication costs of \$.10 per page.

In accordance with 6 C.F.R. §5.3(c), if you make a FOIA request, it shall be a firm commitment by you to pay all applicable fees charged under § 5.11 up to \$25.00. The combined charges for search and duplication must exceed \$14.00 before we will charge you any fees. Many requests do not require fees; however, if fees exceed \$25.00, we will notify you beforehand.

TSA uses a multi-track system to process requests on a first-in, first-out basis. Simple requests are able to be answered more quickly and will be placed on the fast track of our multi-track processing. More complex requests generally require significant processing time. Although TSA's goal is to respond within 20 business days of receipt of your request, the FOIA does permit a 10-day extension of this time period. If your request involves a voluminous amount of records, requires that we collect records from separate offices, or requires that we consult with another agency, TSA will invoke the 10-day extension for your request.

If you would like to narrow the scope of your request, we may be able to respond more quickly. Please contact us if you wish to narrow your request or arrange for an alternative time period to complete the processing. We can be reached at the following toll free number (866) 364-2872.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin J. Janet".

Kevin J. Janet
FOIA Officer
Freedom of Information Act Office
TSA Headquarters, TSA-20

TSK09-0168

(b)(6) <CTR>

From: (b)(6)@verizon.net]
Sent: Wednesday, February 04, 2009 12:06 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: Misdirected FOIA's

(b)(6)

FOIA 09-0168 should have been directed to TSNM, not OSO.

FOIA 09-0209 belongs with intel

FOIA 09-0217 BWI would be the best source, otherwise, maybe TSOC has something

FOIA 09-0134 CTO would be the best source

Thanks,

(b)(6)

(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 9:51 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0168

That is what I thought. Due date is June 25.

(b)(6)

Transportation Security Administration
571-227-
[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 9:50 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: RE: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0168

No I never received this request. Can you tell me the due date?

(b)(6)

(b)(6) | TSNM/BMO/Communications

Phone: (571) 227-
[REDACTED] | Email: (b)(6)@dhs.gov -----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 9:47 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0168

Hi (b)(6)

I'm not sure if you have previously received the tasking for this FOIA request. It is noted in our database that it was sent to you back in February but other than that I have no record of it actually being sent to you. Please conduct a search for records and respond back as soon as possible. Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

(b)(6)

Transportation Security Administration
571-227-
[REDACTED]

(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2009 3:36 PM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>; Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>
Cc: Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>
Subject: RE: FOIA TSA09-0168

If they are referring the GA risk assessment, then yes.

(b)(6)
Office of Chief Counsel
Transportation Security Administration
(b)(6)@dhs.gov
571-227-
(b)(2), (b)(6) (Mobile)
571-227-1382 (fax)

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-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2009 3:27 PM
To: Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Cc: Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>
Subject: FOIA TSA09-0168

Bob / (b)(6),

The attached FOIA request was tasked to TSNM. TSNM stated that they are currently involved in a review of the responsive document with OCC and SSI to determine if there should be any redactions prior to release. Do either of you know if OCC is still reviewing this document?

(b)(6)
Transportation Security Administration
571-227-

(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2009 2:56 PM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: FW: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0168

Hi (b)(6)

Sorry for the late response, but I was informed that SSI and OCC are still reviewing the document.

Thanks

(b)(6)

(b)(6)
(b)(6) | TSNM/BMO/Communications
Phone: (571) 227- | Email: (b)(6)@dhs.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) mailto:(b)(6)@dhs.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2009 2:54 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0168

Yes, SSI and OCC are still reviewing it.

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) mailto:(b)(6)@dhs.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2009 2:53 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0168

(b)(6)

(b)(6) informed me that OCC and the SSI Office were working with GA to determine which information should be redacted from the requested document in the attached FOIA request before releasing it.

The FOIA Office is asking if this is still being reviewed by OCC and the SSI Office?

Thanks

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2009 9:19 AM
To: (b)(6)

Subject: RE: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0168

Hi (b)(6)

Can you tell me if the requested document mentioned below is still in review with OCC and SSI?

(b)(6)

Transportation Security Administration
571-227-^{(b)(6)}

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 10:01 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: FW: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0168

(b)(6)

Please see the email below. Currently TSNM's General Aviation division is involved in a review of the requested document with OCC and the SSI office to determine if any information must be redacted prior to releasing this document. (b)(6) from the TSNM GA office says (b)(6) (OCC) has been involved in this review and you could also reach out to her if you need more information.

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 9:56 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0168

(b)(6)

We are currently involved in a review of the requested document with OCC and the SSI office to determine what, if any, information must be redacted prior to releasing this document.

Regards,

(b)(6)

Policy and Plans
Transportation Security Administration
Transportation Sector Network Management Office of General Aviation

Office: 571-227-^{(b)(6)}
Cell: (b)(6)
Fax: 571-227-2918

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 9:54 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0168

(b)(6)

Please see the attached FOIA request, and let me know if you will have or can submit documentation for this FOIA request.

The due date to the FOIA office is 6/25/09.

Thanks

(b)(6)

(b)(6)
(b)(6) | TSNM/BMO/Communications
Phone: (571) 227-(b)(6) Email: (b)(6)@dhs.gov

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From: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 9:47 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0168

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Thanks.

(b)(6)

Transportation Security Administration
571-227-(b)(2), (b)(6)

(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2010 11:09 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: RE: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0168

(b)(6)

This is my first day back in the office for the week. I am checking on the status and will let you know as soon as I have a response.

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2010 9:19 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0168

Hi (b)(6)

Can you tell me if the requested document mentioned below is still in review with OCC and SSI? Thanks!

(b)(6)

Transportation Security Administration
571-227- (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 10:01 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: FW: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0168

(b)(6)

Please see the email below. Currently TSNM's General Aviation division is involved in a review of the requested document with OCC and the SSI office to determine if any information must be redacted prior to releasing this document. (b)(6) from the TSNM GA office says (b)(6) (OCC) has been involved in this review and you could also reach out to her if you need more information.

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 9:56 AM

To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0168

(b)(6)

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Regards,

(b)(6)

Policy and Plans
Transportation Security Administration
Transportation Sector Network Management Office of General Aviation

Office: 571-227-(b)(2), (b)(6)
Cell: (b)(6)
Fax: 571-227-2918

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 9:54 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0168

(b)(6)

Please see the attached FOIA request, and let me know if you will have or can submit documentation for this FOIA request.

The due date to the FOIA office is 6/25/09.

Thanks

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

TSNM/BMO/Communications
Phone: (571) 227-(b)(6) Email: (b)(6)@dhs.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 9:47 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0168

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(b)(6)

Transportation Security Administration

571-227-^{(b)(2), (b)(6)}

(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2010 2:03 PM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Cc:
Subject: FW: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0168

(b)(6)

Per the email below from (b)(6) the SSI branch still has the assessment and it is still under SSI review.

Thanks

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2010 12:07 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Subject: RE: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0168

The SSI branch still has the assessment and they are annotating the source materials. I'd let FOIA know that it's still under SSI review. (b)(6) is the action officer. Thanks. (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2010 10:52 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0168

(b)(6)

Do you have an update on the status of the redactions to the GA Risk Assessment? We have to provide the FOIA office with an update and we received an additional request from one of our stakeholder groups for the document.

Regards,

(b)(6)

Policy and Plans
Transportation Security Administration
Transportation Sector Network Management Office of General Aviation

Office: 571-227- (b)(2), (b)(6)

Cell: (b)(2), (b)(6)
Fax: 571-227-2918

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2010 7:24 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0168

(b)(6)

This is the FOIA request in regarding the LASP. From (b)(6) previous message below he stated that GA was currently involved in a review of the requested document with OCC and the SSI office to determine what, if any, information must be redacted prior to releasing this document.

The FOIA office is inquiring to see if this is still being reviewed.

Thanks

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2010 9:19 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0168

Hi (b)(6)

Can you tell me if the requested document mentioned below is still in review with OCC and SSI? Thanks!

(b)(6)

Transportation Security Administration
571-227-^{(b)(2)} (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 10:01 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: FW: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0168

(b)(6)

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(b)(6)

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Regards,

(b)(6)

Policy and Plans
Transportation Security Administration
Transportation Sector Network Management Office of General Aviation

Office: 571-227-^{(b)(2), (b)(6)}
Cell: (b)(2), (b)(6)
Fax: 571-227-2918

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 9:54 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0168

(b)(6)

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Thanks

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

(b)(6) | TSNM/BMO/Communications
Phone: (571) 227-^{(b)(2), (b)(6)} Email: (b)(6)@dhs.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 9:47 AM

To: (b)(6)

Subject: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0168

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(b)(6)

Transportation Security Administration
571-227-(b)(2), (b)(6)

(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2010 9:53 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FOIA Request
Attachments: TSA09-0168.pdf

Hi (b)(6)

We have a FOIA request (attached) which we tasked to TSNM for records. TSNM informed us that they are currently involved in a review of the requested document with OCC and SSI. It believe your office is reviewing the document for any SSI. Do you have any idea when this is expected to be completed?

(b)(6)

Transportation Security Administration
571-227 (b)(2), (b)(6)

(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, July 14, 2010 10:39 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: RE: GA Risk Assessment

Hi (b)(6)

I just spoke with (b)(6) and he is still working on it. He should get it back to you by next Wednesday.

(b)(6)


-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Sent: Wednesday, July 14, 2010 10:30 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: GA Risk Assessment

Hey (b)(6)

A few months ago I asked you about the GA Risk Assessment that was being reviewed for SSI and we had a FOIA request for it. I believe it was (b)(6) who was reviewing the GA Risk Assessment. Can you tell me if this has been completed? I thought I would check with you before going back to TSNM. Thanks.

(b)(6)

Transportation Security Administration
571-227-

(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, July 29, 2010 11:16 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: SSI Review of TSA 09-0168 is complete

Hi (b)(6)

We have finished reviewing TSA09-0168. Please retrieve your document from the inbox at your earliest convenience! Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

(b)(6)

Transportation Security Administration
Office of Intelligence
Sensitive Security Information Branch
E11 - 222S
601 South 12 Street
Arlington, VA 20598-6031
(571) 227-[REDACTED]



(b)(6) <CTR>

From: (b)(6)@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 01, 2009 10:20 PM
To: Foia
Subject: FOIA request

January 1, 2009

FOIA REQUEST

TSA-09-191
1/2/2009
1/9/2009

Dear FOI Officer:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request access to and copies of any records, including but not limited to memos, e-mails, internal communications, external communications, minutes, or notes, pertaining to or referencing a TSA Blog poster known as Trollkiller.

I would like to receive the information in electronic format (PDF, e-mail).

I agree to pay reasonable duplication fees for the processing of this request in an amount not to exceed \$20. However, please notify me prior to your incurring any expenses in excess of that amount.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Thank you for your assistance.

1/2/2009

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

A large black rectangular redaction box covers the signature area, obscuring the name and any handwritten notes.

1/2/2009



(b)(6) Modified By 1/2/2009 Date Entered 4/12/2012 Date Modified

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To SSI: 11/10/2011 SSI Days 110 From SSI: 3/19/2012

Requested Document
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Disposition of Requests

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Interim Response

Exemption 552b

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) Privacy Act Division

FOIA NUMBER

Date Rec'd: 1/2/2009

TSA09-0191

Suspense: ~~1/2/2009~~ 2/16/2009

FROM: (b)(6)

ACTION OFFICE(s): TSA-29 (b)(6) TSA-2 (b)(6) TSA-4 Christopher White

The attached request is to be responded to ONLY by the FOIA Office. Please return information requested to TSA-20 Rm: 11th floor, 205S, East Tower. If you require any assistance, please contact FOIA office, 571-227-2300. NOTE: The law requires that the request be answered within 20 working days of receipt. Cognizant offices are expected to respond by the suspense date.

Conduct a search for records, *including e-mail records*, responsive to the attached request and forward a *legible copy (not the original) of all responsive records found* to this office for further processing. If no records exist, a written negative report is required.

Identify any information in the responsive records you found during your search that you believe should be withheld, and explain why you believe its release would be harmful.

Estimate the direct search costs that you believe would be incurred in determining whether records responsive to the attached request are in your files. Do not initiate a search unless further advised by this office.

COMMENTS:

No Response (b)(6)

Indicate where you searched and what type of file the responsive documents were found in, i.e., on desk,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) Privacy Act Division

FOIA NUMBER

Date Rec'd: 1/2/2009

TSA09-0191

Suspense: 1/9/2009

2/16/2009

(b)(6)

SA-3 (b)(6) SA-3 (b)(6) TSA-9 Director's Office

Your initial response is to be completed ONLINE by the FOIA Office. Please return information requested to 1040 3rd Floor, EAGS, East Tower. If you require any assistance, please contact FOIA office, 571-234-2100. NOTE: The law requires that the request be answered within 60 working days of receipt. Significant efforts are expected to respond by the response date.

Trollkiller

Conduct a search for records, including e-mail records, responsive to the attached request and forward a copy to copy from the original of all responsive records found in this office for further processing. If no records exist, a written negative report is required.

Identify any information in the responsive records you found during your search that you believe should be withheld, and explain why you believe its release would be harmful.

Estimate the direct search costs that you believe would be incurred in determining whether records responsive to the attached request are in your files. Do not initiate a search unless further advised by this office.

COMMENTS: please use suggested redactions. Thanks.

Indicate where you searched and what type of file the responsive documents were found in (i.e., on disk, hard drive, filed by date, filed by SSN, in a general file). You may have responsive documents coming from multiple categories; please indicate for each document.

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) Privacy Act Division

FOIA NUMBER

Date Rec'd: 1/2/2009

TSA09-0191

Suspense: 1/9/2009

2/16/2009

FROM: (b)(6)

ACTION OFFICE(s): TSA-25 (b)(6), TSA-2 (b)(6), TSA-4 Christopher White

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COMMENTS:

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DATE SEARCH BEGAN _____

This is to certify that all program files pertaining to the FOIA request have been searched and copies of all documents located have been furnished to the FOIA Office.

SIGNATURE OF INDIVIDUAL CERTIFYING ABOVE DATE SIGNED PAY BAND ROUTING SYMBOL

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) Privacy Act Division

FOIA NUMBER

TSA09-0191

2/16/2009
Suspense: 1/9/2009

Date Rec'd: 1/2/2009

FROM: (b)(6)

ACTION OFFICE(s): TSA-20 (b)(6) TSA-2 (b)(6) TSA-4 Christopher White

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No Records

SEARCH TIME (Hrs)	ACTION OFFICE		ATTORNEY	
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DATE SEARCH BEGAN 2/9

This is to certify that all proper files pertaining to the FOIA request have been searched and copies of all

(b)(6) 2/10 J TSA29

SIGNATURE OF INDIVIDUAL CERTIFYING ABOVE DATE SIGNED PAY BAND ROUTING SYMBOL



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FOIA Request Certification

INSTRUCTIONS: FOIA Points-of-Contact (POCs) will complete Section II and forward responsive records by mail to the TSA Headquarters FOIA Office, TSA-20, or by e-mail to the tasking individual, unless otherwise noted and explained below. If the search identifies TSA has a large volume of responsive records, FOIA POCs must contact the FOIA Office as soon as possible following receipt of this issued form to provide a cost estimate prior to continuing to process the request. Questions should be directed to the FOIA Office at (571) 227-2300, 866-FOIA-TSA (866-364-2872).

SECTION I: CASE SUSPENSE & IDENTIFICATION

FOIA OFFICE USE ONLY	
FOIA POC response required on or before: 2/16/2009	
FOIA POCs direct e-mails replies to: TSA:FOIAPOCRESPONES@tsa.gov	
FOIA Case No.: TSA09-0191	Date: 8/11/2011
Action Office(s): TSA-4 Jonella Culmer	
Request Received From: 1/2/2009	
Requester Seeks: (see attached request for further description)	

SECTION II: FOIA POC

Part A: Contact Information

Name: Jonella Culmer	Phone No.: 571-227- (b)(2), (b)(6)
Title: Public Affairs Specialist	

Part B: Recommendations (Check all that apply and provide appropriate responses)

<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Release all responsive records. (identify records and from where retrieved)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2. Withhold select responsive records. (explain) OPA has provided this requests responsive records. A thorough review of each document is needed before releasing any of these documents to the requester.
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Withhold all responsive records. (explain)
<input type="checkbox"/>	4. No responsive records. Search failed to identify and/or locate responsive records. (explain)
<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Recommend FOIA Office contact the following DHS Component, TSA Office and/ or individuals, identified, in order to search for responsive records. (identify)

PART C: Cost Estimate

Search Time (hrs.) / Pay Band	Processing Time (hrs.) / Pay Band	Attorney Time (hrs.) / Pay Band
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/	/	/
/	/	/

PART D: Response Certification

I certify that a search reasonably calculated to uncover all responsive records, paper and electronic, has been conducted and all responsive records have been reviewed, copied and provided to the HQ FOIA Office -TSA-20, or otherwise noted with explanations and/or recommendations provided herein.

FOIA POC Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Task Offices: TSA-4 , TSA-2 , TSA-29

Check Privacy Act/perjury statement box: YES No

Print Acknowledgement Letter: YES No

Print Perjury Statement: YES No

Print Third Party Statement: YES No

TSA09-0191

February 9, 2009

TSA09-0191

(b)(6)



**Transportation
Security
Administration**

Dear **(b)(6)**:

This is to inform you that on January 2, 2009, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Office received your FOIA request dated January 1, 2009. Your request has been given identification number TSA09-0191. Please cite this number in any further inquiry about this request.

I must advise you that depending upon the category of requester you fall in, fees may be charged for searching for records sought at the respective clerical, professional, and/or managerial rates of \$4.00/\$7.00/\$10.25 per quarter hour, and for duplication costs of \$.10 per page.

In accordance with 6 C.F.R. §5.3(c), if you make a FOIA request, it shall be a firm commitment by you to pay all applicable fees charged under § 5.11 up to \$25.00. The combined charges for search and duplication must exceed \$14.00 before we will charge you any fees. Many requests do not require fees; however, if fees exceed \$25.00, we will notify you beforehand.

TSA uses a multi-track system to process requests on a first-in, first-out basis. Simple requests are able to be answered more quickly and will be placed on the fast track of our multi-track processing. More complex requests generally require significant processing time. Although TSA's goal is to respond within 20 business days of receipt of your request, the FOIA does permit a 10-day extension of this time period. If your request involves a voluminous amount of records, requires that we collect records from separate offices, or requires that we consult with another agency, TSA will invoke the 10-day extension for your request.

If you would like to narrow the scope of your request, we may be able to respond more quickly. Please contact us if you wish to narrow your request or arrange for an alternative time period to complete the processing. We can be reached at the following toll free number (866) 364-2872.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin J. Janet".

Kevin J. Janet
FOIA Officer
Freedom of Information Act Office
TSA Headquarters, TSA-20



Transportation
Security
Administration

NOV 15 2010

FOIA Case Number TSA09-0191

(b)(6)

Dear (b)(6)

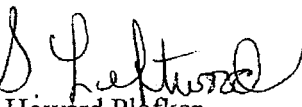
This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated January 1, 2009, to the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) seeking "access to and copies of any records, including but not limited to memos, emails, internal communications, external communications, minutes, or notes, pertaining to or referencing a TSA Blog Poster know as the Trollkiller."

By letter, dated February 9, 2009, we did not advise you that due to the increasing number of FOIA requests by this office, we could encounter some delay in processing your request. We are advising you now and sincerely apologize for the delay and inconvenience it may have caused. However, we want to let you know that we have been making earnest and diligent efforts to reduce the backlog of cases, and that your file is scheduled to be reviewed in the near future.

Before we begin the time-consuming review process, we want to ensure that you are still interested in continuing the processing of this request. Please indicate your continued interest in pursuing these records within 30 days from the date of this letter, or we will assume you are no longer interested in this FOIA request, and the case will be administratively closed.

If you have any questions pertaining to your request, please feel free to contact the FOIA Office at 1-866-364-2872 or locally at 571-227-2300 or by email at foia@gov.

Sincerely,


Howard Plofker
Acting FOIA Officer
Freedom of Information Act

TO Bob 1/20/11

January 6, 2011

FOIA Number: TSA09-0191

*This is a separate request
TSA09-0200*

ISSUE:

The requester seeks information ~~pertaining to complaint HL08-0526~~ Also you requested "copies of any records, including but not limited to memos, e-mails, internal communication, minutes, or notes, pertaining to or referencing a TSA Blog poster known as Trollkiller."

DISCUSSION:

- TSA-7 (b)(6) - provided responsive records.
- TSA-29 (b)(6) - provide a no record response.
- TSA-4 Christopher White - provided a no record response.
-

RECOMMENDATION:

- (b)(5)
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FOIA POC: (b)(6)
FOIA Specialist, x (b)(2), (b)(6)

*Rec'd
(b)(6) OCU complete
Final ULE / F...
MS*

*FSD
Final answer
652 Pub. Deny
2.11*

Nov. 24, 2009

October 16, 2009

12/24/09: [redacted]

FOIA Number: TSA09-0191

(b)(5)

ISSUE:

Requester seeks "copies of any records, including but not limited to memos, e-mails, internal communication, minutes, or notes, pertaining to or referencing a TSA Blog poster known as Trollkiller."

DISCUSSION:

To OCC: 12/1/09

- TSA-1 (b)(6)
- TSA-29 (b)(6)
- TSA-4 Christopher White
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RECOMMENDATION:

- (b)(5)
- (b)(5)
- (b)(5)
- (b)(5)

FOIA POC: (b)(6) (b)(5)
FOIA Specialist, x (b)(2) (b)(6)

(b)(5)

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(b)(6) (b)(6)

(b)(5)

(b)(5)

2/1/09
(b)(6)

Notes/Status – 09-0191

2/9/09 Email tasking. cb (Re'cd redacted docs from OCC never re'cd original docs (b)(6))
2/18/09 - Request given to (b)(6) to task to TSA-13 (b)(6)
2/25/09 - Rec'd records from TSA-13 (b)(6)
3/4/09 - TSA-29 no responsive records (b)(6)
11/23/09 - Request sent to (b)(6) for review (b)(6)
11/23/09 - Re'cd request back from (b)(6) (b)(6)
11/24/09 - Request sent to KJ for review (b)(6)
12/1/09 - Request sent to OCC (b)(6)
11/15/10 - Sent requester "Are you still interested ltr (b)(6)
12/1/10 - Requester still interested (b)(6)
1/6/11 - Request to (b)(6) for review (b)(6)
1/11/11 - Request to (b)(6) for review (b)(6)
1/19/11 - Re'cd request from KJ for edits.
1/19/11 - Request sent back to KJ....edits completed (b)(6)
2/4/11 - Re'cd request back from KJ for edits (b)(6)
2/16/11 - Request back to KJ....edits completed (b)(6)
8/11/11 - Re-tasked request to TSA-4 (b)(6)
8/19/11 - Sent an email to TSA-4 requesting status??
8/23/11 - Sent an email to TSA-4 requesting status of docs (b)(6)
8/24/11 - Spoke with TSA-4 requesting status of docs? Jonella Culmer said she will get docs to FOIA today.
8/26/11 - Re'cd a copy of original docs from TSA-4 (Jonella Culmer) (b)(6)
8/26/11 - Emailed Bob Johnson informing him that TSA-4 provided an original copy of docs (b)(6)
9/2/11 - Emailed Bob Johnson informing him that TSA-4 provided a copy of original docs (b)(6)
9/2/11 - Re'cd an original and redacted copy of docs from (b)(6)
9/15/11 - Workflow Started on Work Folder in DT (b)(6)
9/27/11 Back to OCC (b)(6)
9/27/11 - Re'cd file back from OCC per (b)(6) to Task TSA-13 (b)(6)
9/28/11 - Tasked TSA-13 (b)(6)
10/14/11 - Re'cd a "No record" response from TSA-13 (b)(6)
11/10/11 - Re'cd an email from Aeron to send request to SSI for review (b)(6)
3/19/12 Rec'd response from SSI (b)(6)
4/12/12 - Reassigned to (b)(6) for processing since one of the 10 oldest reported in March - (b)(6)

SSI Review Request In-Take Form - FOIA

*This form should only be completed and submitted by a member of
TSA's FOIA Office*

Please complete the top portion of this form and email it to SSI@dhs.gov.
Request Form's instructions and related FAQs are available at TSA's Intranet [future]
For guidance regarding sending SSI, see SSI Policy document titled "[future]" (#)

1. TSA FOIA OFFICE COORDINATOR'S INFORMATION			
(a) Name	(b)(6)	(b) Phone ext.	7- [redacted]
(c) Backup's Name		(d) Phone ext.	7- [redacted]
2. DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENT			
(a) FOIA Number:	TSA09-191		
(b) Originating Program Office	TSA		
(c) Total Page Count (not including request)	353		
3. REQUEST DETAILS			
(a) Name of FOIA Requestor	(b)(6)		
(b) Appeal?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
(c) Date Submitted:	11/10/11	NOTE: Standard response time is 5 business days (starting 1 st business day after delivery)	
(d) List of any related FOIAs			
(e) Special Instructions or comments (i.e. note any gaps in page numbers, etc.)			
4. REVIEW DETAILS			
(a) I, as FOIA Coordinator, have clearly marked all recognized SSI			
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reason for no initial review:
(b) Citations for SSI Found (Enter "none" if seeking confirmation)			

Submit the documents for review ***only*** to the SSI Program Office's **Coordinator** or the appointed backup.
Please submit this form in the same format as the accompanying FOIA. (If FOIA is hard-copy, submit the intake form hard-copy.)

**NEVER LEAVE A FOIA CONTAINING SSI IN AN
UNATTENDED SSI PROGRAM OFFICE CUBE**

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Arlington, VA 22202



Transportation
Security
Administration

Date: Monday, November 21, 2011

Subject: FOIA Request: 09-0191 (SSI Review: 12-0108)

From: (b)(6) [REDACTED]
(b)(6) [REDACTED], SSI Program Office

To: Yvonne L. Coates, FOIA Officer, FOIA/PA Division
Transportation Security Administration

Per your request, the files associated with FOIA above have been reviewed for Sensitive Security Information (SSI). Our program has determined that the files do not contain SSI as defined in TSA SSI Regulation 49 CFR 1520.5.

If any questions arise regarding the recommendations made by this office, please feel free to contact me on extension 7-3513 and reference the SSI review number above.

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

(b)(6) <CTR>

From: (b)(6)@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, January 09, 2009 1:48 PM
To: FOIA
Subject: RE: HL08-0526

(b)(6)

My apologies, I assumed that the complaint control number assigned by the TSA Hotline would be sufficient information to locate that particular complaint and related documents.

No worries, will try again.

The original complaint was filed with the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Inspector General on June 26, 2008. That complaint was forwarded from the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Inspector General to the Office of Inspection, Transportation Security Administration on September 8, 2008. The complaint was assigned a **hotline control number of HL08-0526**. The complaint was to be forwarded to the Office of Chief Counsel by the Office of Inspection.

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request access to and copies of any and all documents relating to complaint **HL08-0526** including but not limited to memos, minutes, emails, letters, notes, or directives.

I agree to pay reasonable duplication fees for the processing of this request in an amount not to exceed \$20. However, please notify me prior to your incurring any expenses in excess of that amount.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

--- On Thu, 1/8/09, FOIA <FOIA.tsa@dhs.gov> wrote:

| From: FOIA <FOIA.tsa@dhs.gov>
| Subject: RE: HL08-0526

1/13/2009

To: (b)(6)@yahoo.com>
Date: Thursday, January 8, 2009, 2:52 PM

(b)(6)

Before we can continue processing your FOIA request, please specifically identify the records which you are seeking (ex. Airport and timeframe of complaint, etc..)

After careful review of your FOIA request, we determined that your request did not specifically identify the records which you are seeking. Records must be described in reasonably sufficient detail to enable government employees who are familiar with the subject area to locate records without placing an unreasonable burden upon the agency. For this reason, §5.3(b) of the DHS regulations, 6 C.F.R. Part 5, require that you describe the records you are seeking with as much information as possible to ensure that our search can locate them with a reasonable amount of effort. Whenever possible, a request should include specific information about each record sought, such as the date, title or name, author, recipients, and subject matter of the records, if known, or the DHS component or office you believe created and/or controls the record. The FOIA does not require an agency to create new records, answer questions posed by requesters, or attempt to interpret a request that does not identify specific records.

Please resubmit your request containing a reasonable description of the records you are seeking. Upon receipt of a perfected request, you will be advised as to the status of your request.

Thank you,

TSA FOIA OFFICE

From: (b)(6) [mailto:(b)(6)@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 06, 2009 7:39 PM
To: TSA
Subject: HL08-0526

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

January 6, 2009

Transportation Security Administration
TSA-20, West Tower
FOIA Division
601 South 12th Street
Arlington , VA 22202-4220

FOIA REQUEST

Dear FOI Officer:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request access to and copies of any and all documents relating to complaint HL08-0526.

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Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

1/13/2009

(b)(6) <CTR>

From: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Sent: Monday, February 09, 2009 11:15 AM
To: (b)(6) <CTR>
Subject: FW: TSA09-0191 Trollkiller

I never got a tasking.

(b)(6)

Office of Chief Counsel
Transportation Security Administration

(b)(6)@dhs.gov

571-227-(b)(2), (b)(6)

(b)(2), (b)(6) (Mobile)

571-227-1382 (fax)

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From: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2009 3:01 PM
To: (b)(6) <CTR>
Cc: Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>; (b)(6) <OCC>
Subject: TSA09-0191 Trollkiller

This should be tasked to Public Affairs, OCC & the InfoCenter. I'm not sure where the Infocenter falls under. (b)(6) any other offices?

(b)(6)

Office of Chief Counsel
Transportation Security Administration

(b)(6)@dhs.gov

571-227-(b)(2), (b)(6)

(b)(2), (b)(6) (Mobile)

571-227-1382 (fax)

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(b)(6) <TSA OCC>

From: (b)(6) <OCC>
Sent: Monday, February 09, 2009 12:13 PM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Subject: FW: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0191 - Trollkiller
Importance: High
Attachments: TSA09-0191 tasking.pdf

Please see me about this tasker when you're back in the office. Thanks!

(b)(6)
Attorney-Advisor, Information Law
Office of the Chief Counsel
Transportation Security Administration
601 S. 12th Street
Arlington, VA 22203
571-227- (ofc.)
(b)(2), (b)(6) (cell)

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From: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Sent: Monday, February 09, 2009 12:09 PM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <OCC>
Subject: FW: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0191 - Trollkiller
Importance: High

The attached FOIA/PA request is seeking all records referencing a Blog poster named Trollkiller. Please search your emails and other electronic and paper systems and provide copies to me (preferably electronic; if paper, no staples please) by COB 2/11/09. I apologize for the short time frame but I am out on Friday. Thanks.

(b)(6)

(b)(6)
Office of Chief Counsel
Transportation Security Administration
(b)(6)@dhs.gov
571-227- (Mobile)
571-227-1382 (fax)

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From: (b)(6) <CTR>
Sent: Monday, February 09, 2009 12:02 PM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; White, Christopher <TSA PA>; (b)(6)
Subject: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0191

Please see attach FOIA Tasking. Please note suspense date 2/16/09

Thank you,

(b)(6)

Office of Special Counselor- FOIA
Department Of Homeland Security
Transportation Security Administration
Office: (571) 227-^{(b)(6)}
Fax: (571) 227-1406
(b)(6)@associates.dhs.gov

(b)(6) <CTR>

From: (b)(6) <CTR>
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2009 9:47 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0191
Attachments: TSA09-0191 tasking.pdf

(b)(6)

Welcome back and Congratulations on your new arrival!

Please see attach FOIA Tasking. Please note suspense date 2/25/09.

Thank you,

(b)(6)

Office of Special Counsel- FOIA
Department Of Homeland Security
Transportation Security Administration
Office: (571) 227-^{(b)(2); (b)(6)}
Fax: (571) 227-1406
^{(b)(6)}@associates.dhs.gov

(b)(6) <CTR>

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2009 10:16 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>; (b)(6) <CTR>
Subject: FW: TSA09-0191
Attachments: TSA09-0191.pdf

Please see attached.

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

(office) 571-227

(mobile) (b)(2), (b)(6)

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, January 06, 2011 10:13 AM
To: Culmer, Jonella; Payne, Sterling
Subject: Freedom of Information Act request TSA09-0191

Hello:

How are you today?? Freedom of Information Act request TSA09-0191 was tasked to your office on 2/16/09 for records. When you get an opportunity could you let me know the status of this request?

Thanks,

(b)(6)

571-227-

Freedom of Information Act Office

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, January 06, 2011 10:09 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA>
Subject: Freedom of Information Act request TSA09-0191

Hello (b)(6)

How are you today?? Freedom of Information Act request TSA09-0191 was tasked to your office for records on 2/16/09. We would like to know the status of this request along with a copy of the tasking sheet??

Thanks very much

(b)(6)

571-227 (b)(2), (b)(6)

Freedom of Information Act Office

(b)(6)

<TSA-FOIA>

From: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Sent: Tuesday, January 18, 2011 3:45 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: TSA09-0191

Hello there. (b)(6), I have some corrections to the letter I would like to get taken care of before I forward on to Bob for review. Let me know when you are there... Thanks.

Attorney Advisor
Information Law/General Law
Office of Chief Counsel
Transportation Security Administration
office: 571-227-
cell: (b)(2), (b)(6)

(b)(6) <TSA OCC>

From: (b)(6) <OCC>
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2008 1:07 PM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Cc: Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Subject: Civil Penalties Blog Post
Attachments: civil penalty blog post.doc; Trollkiller document discrepancy.doc

(b)(6) (b)(5)

FYI, "Trollkiller" is the name of the blogger that has brought the document discrepancy to our attention. In the blog world, when you type "@ trollkiller," it means you are directing your comment as a response to something that person has blogged about earlier. (You may already know this-but I've only recently been educated about these things!!)

Once I have your edits, I'll send this to Francine for her approval.

Thanks,

(b)(6)
(f/k/a (b)(6))
Attorney
Office of Chief Counsel
Transportation Security Administration
Phone: (571) 227-
Cell: (b)(2), (b)(6)
Fax: (571) 227-1381
email (b)(6)@dhs.gov

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(b)(6)

From: Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>
Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2011 12:16 PM
To: (b)(6) Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Cc: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act request TSA09-0191

I believe (b)(6) has approximately 50 clean pages. We will work with (b)(6) in Francine's office to again get a copy of Francine's emails and will also get (b)(6) emails.

(b)(6) if you will get to me the clean copies of the emails you already have from (b)(6) and (b)(6) I will work with (b)(6) to get them properly redacted.

Thanks

Robert S. Johnson Jr.
Assistant Chief Counsel for Information Law
Transportation Security Administration
Office 571-227-
Cell (b)(2), (b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2011 12:11 PM
To: Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Cc: Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6)
Subject: Freedom of Information Act request TSA09-0191

FYI:

Wanted to give you a heads up regarding TSA09-0191, which I am working. I have been working with (b)(6) (OCC) on this one. Because she never provided the original documents, and I was working from a redacted copy she provided, the product was not up to par. Bob, (b)(6) and I have discussed this, and I am now doing a completed rework of the file. Just wanted to let you know the status since this is one of the older files needing to be completed. Will keep you informed of any developments.

Thanks,

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2011 11:05 AM
To: Culmer, Jonella
Subject: FW: Freedom of Information Act request TSA09-0191

Hello Jonella:

How are you today?? Freedom of Information Act request TSA09-0191 was tasked to your office on 1/6/2011 for records. When you get a chance could you let me know the status of this request??

Thanks,

(b)(6)

571-227-
Freedom of Information Act Office

From: Culmer, Jonella
Sent: Thursday, January 06, 2011 11:23 AM.
To: (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Freedom of Information Act request TSA09-0191

Thank you.

Jonella Culmer
Transportation Security Administration
Jonella.Culmer@dhs.gov

From: (b)(6)
To: Culmer, Jonella
Sent: Thu Jan 06 11:12:06 2011
Subject: FW: Freedom of Information Act request TSA09-0191

<<TSA09-0191.Request&Tasking Sheet.pdf>>

Hello Jonella: See attachment

From: Culmer, Jonella
Sent: Thursday, January 06, 2011 10:15 AM
To: (b)(6); Payne, Sterling
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act request TSA09-0191

Good Morning (b)(6)

Do you mind re-sending?

Regards,

Jonella J. Culmer

Strategic Communications and Public Affairs

Transportation Security Administration

jonella.culmer@dhs.gov

O: 571.227- [REDACTED]

C: (b)(2), (b)(6)

From: (b)(6)

Sent: Thursday, January 06, 2011 10:13 AM

To: Culmer, Jonella; Payne, Sterling

Subject: Freedom of Information Act request TSA09-0191

Hello:

How are you today?? Freedom of Information Act request TSA09-0191 was tasked to your office on 2/16/09 for records. When you get an opportunity could you let me know the status of this request?

Thanks,

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

571-227- [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act Office

(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Sent: Friday, September 02, 2011 11:34 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act request TSA09-0191
Attachments: TSA09-0191 TSA-2 records.pdf

(b)(6) please find attached the TSA-2 records with visible redactions.

(b)(6)
Office of Chief Counsel
Transportation Security Administration
571-227-
(b)(2), (b)(6) (BB)

From: Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>
Sent: Friday, September 02, 2011 9:16 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Cc: (b)(6); Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Subject: FW: Freedom of Information Act request TSA09-0191

(b)(6)

Will you be able to take this to (b)(6) today?

Thanks

Robert S. Johnson Jr.
Assistant Chief Counsel for Information Law
Transportation Security Administration
Office 571-227-
Cell (b)(2), (b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, September 02, 2011 9:14 AM
To: Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>
Cc: Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act request TSA09-0191

Hello Bob:

Let me know when it's a good time to discuss TSA09-0191 redactions?? The Office of Public Affairs (Jonella Culmer) provided me with an original copy of all the documents.

Thanks

From: Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>
Sent: Friday, August 26, 2011 2:58 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Subject: Re: Freedom of Information Act request TSA09-0191

I have got copies from Francine and (b)(6) I will bring them down on Monday. Thanks Bob

From: (b)(6)
To: Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>
Cc: Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Sent: Fri Aug 26 14:47:09 2011
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act request TSA09-0191

Hello Bob:

The Office of Public Affairs TSA-4 (Jonella Culmer) provided me with an original copy of FOIA request TSA09-0191 today. Let me know when it's a good time to go over the redactions.

Thanks

From: Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>
Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2011 12:16 PM
To: (b)(6); Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Cc: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act request TSA09-0191

I believe (b)(6) has approximately 50 clean pages. We will work with (b)(6) in Francine's office to again get a copy of Francine's emails and will also get (b)(6) emails.

(b)(6) if you will get to me the clean copies of the emails you already have from (b)(6) and (b)(6) I will work with (b)(6) to get them properly redacted.

Thanks

Robert S. Johnson Jr.

Assistant Chief Counsel for Information Law

Transportation Security Administration

Office 571-227- (b)(6)

Cell (b)(2), (b)(6)

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(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2011 10:57 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: Freedom of Information Act request TSA09-0191

Hello (b)(6)

How are you today?? Freedom of Information Act request TSA09-0191 was tasked to your office on 2/19/09 for records. When time permits..... can you let us know if you responded to this request previously and did you provide records or a no record response??

Thanks,

(b)(6)

571-227- (b)(6)

Freedom of Information Act Office

(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, October 14, 2011 1:48 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: TSA09-0191
Attachments: TSA09-0191.pdf

(b)(6)
Office of Inspection | Business Management Office
Transportation Security Administration
Department of Homeland Security
Office: 571-227-(b)(2), (b)(6) BlackBerry: (b)(2), (b)(6) | (b)(6)@dhs.gov

From: (b)(6) [mailto:(b)(6)@dhs.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2009 10:15 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: TSA09-0191



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January 29, 2009

Transportation Security Administration
Freedom of Information Act Office, TSA-20
11th Floor, East Tower
601 South 12th Street
Arlington, VA 22202-4220

To: TSA FOIA Office

Please provide any records in any format (paper, electronic) that can provide answers to the following questions:

1. Has the TSA conducted a security threat assessment or evaluation of the general aviation industry or general aviation aircraft operations?
2. If so, when was this assessment or evaluation conducted?
3. If so, who conducted this assessment or evaluation?
4. What were the results of the assessment or evaluation?
5. If the TSA has not conducted a security threat assessment or evaluation of the general aviation industry or general aviation aircraft operations, does it plan to do so?
6. If so, when will this take place?
7. If so, what will be the scope of this assessment or evaluation?

Thank you (b)(6)

(b)(6)

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Marina del Rey CA 90292

(b)(6)

(b)(6) @ainonline.com

cc: Rep. Bennie G. Thompson, U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Homeland Security, Sen. Joe Lieberman, chairman, Senate Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs

FOIA CASE NO. TSA09-0264

RECEIVED: 2/11/09

SUSPENSE DATE: 2/23/09

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6) @gmail.com on behalf of (b)(6) @ainonline.com]
 Sent: Friday, June 19, 2009 7:16 PM
 To: Foia
 Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request
 Follow Up Flag: Reviewed and printed. E.L.
 Flag Status: Completed

TSA FOIA DIVISION - 07/1-227-2009
 TSA CASE #
 RECEIVED: Duplicate request
 SUSPENSE DATE: One; TSA09-020
 SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

This is a Freedom of Information Act Request.

The submitter is a member of the media.

Please provide a copy of the following report that was conducted for the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) by the TSA's Office of Intelligence:

The Threat to General Aviation: 2007 Modal Assessment

Thank you,

(b)(6)

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 4572 Via Marina #302
 Marina del Rey CA 90292
 Office: (b)(6)
 Mobile: (b)(6)
 Fax: 213-226-4610
 Email: (b)(6) @ainonline.com

Freedom of Information Act Clearance Sheet

FOIA Case No. TSA09-0264

File in Process				
Date	Approved Initial Here	Approved with Edits Initial Here	Reject Initial Here	Comments
6/17/11	(b)(6)			SSI completed a re-review of the material requested on 4/11/11. Document considered not to be SSI Red and black VR copies attached
6/24/11		(b)(6)		Several edits to letter needed
6/27/11	(b)(6)			Completed
6/29/11				
6/29/11			(b)(6)	See my invite inside

Final Approval

Office	Signature	Date
OCC		
FOIA		

JUN 15 2011

September 4, 2009

FOIA Number: TSA09-0264 (b)(6)

ISSUE: (b)(6) requested the attached information (see incoming tab).

DISCUSSION:

- Tasked to TSA-10 and responsive documents were received.
- This is the second request from (b)(6) on this subject matter; his first request was about General Aviation Risk Assessment (TSA09-0058).
- Please see attach email dated May 7, 2009 to OCC and INTEL (over) from (b)(6) on this subject.
- Since there is no SSI in regards to these pages, it our intent to release 23 pages in full.
- (b)(6) has been asked to be added to the concurrence list (see background tab).

FEES:

Search:
Duplication:
Review:

(b)(6)

Total:

RELEASABLE:

- We are releasing 23 pages in full.

RECOMMENDATION:

• (b)(5)

FOIA POC: (b)(6) (b)(2), (b)(6)

(b)(6) (b)(2), (b)(6)



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June 24, 2009

(b)(6)

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Re: TSA09-0264

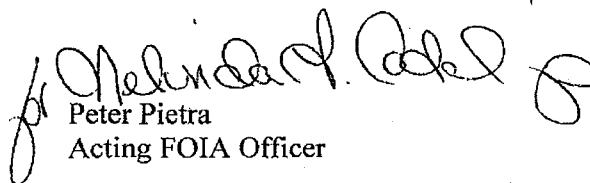
Dear **(b)(6)**

This acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), dated June 19, 2009, and seeking a copy of a report TSA conducted. Your request was received in this office on June 24, 2009.

Upon review of your request, I have determined that this office previously acknowledged your request on February 13, 2009. You were informed that your FOIA request was received, therefore, given identification number TSA09-0264. As your request of June 19, 2009 is a duplicate of your February 13, 2009, it will be administratively closed.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter, please feel free to contact this office at 866.364.2872.

Sincerely,


Peter Pietra
Acting FOIA Officer

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2009 9:10 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: SSI Review of TSA 09-0294 is complete

Hi (b)(6)

We have finished reviewing TSA09-0294. Please retrieve your document from the inbox at your earliest convenience! Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

(b)(6)

TSA Office of Intelligence- SSI Office
TSA Headquarters East Tower E11-219S
601 South 12th Street
Arlington, VA 20598-6031

(b)(6)

<TSA-FOIA>

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2011 1:55 PM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: 09-0058 and 09-0264

UPDATE

(b)(6) returned both files today and told me they were sent back to SSI on August 19, 2011. I was under the assumption that both files were being circulated by BJ for coordination, (b)(6) stated they would probably be here at headquarters for awhile. Essentially it doesn't appear that they will be released anytime soon. YC updated FileMaker August 22, 2011.

I guess we continue to hold on to the files until further notice.

(b)(6)



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February 13, 2009

TSA09-0264

(b)(6)

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Marina Del Ray, CA 90292

Dear (b)(6)

This is to inform you that on February 11, 2009, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Office received your FOIA request dated January 29, 2009. Your request has been given identification number TSA09-0264. Please cite this number in any further inquiry about this request.

TSA uses a multi-track system to process requests on a first-in, first-out basis. Simple requests are able to be answered more quickly and will be placed on the fast track of our multi-track processing. More complex requests generally require significant processing time. Although TSA's goal is to respond within 20 business days of receipt of your request, the FOIA does permit a 10-day extension of this time period. If your request involves a voluminous amount of records, requires that we collect records from separate offices, or requires that we consult with another agency, TSA will invoke the 10-day extension for your request.

If you would like to narrow the scope of your request, we may be able to respond more quickly. Please contact us if you wish to narrow your request or arrange for an alternative time to complete the processing. We can be reached at the following toll free number (866) 364-2872.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Pietra".

Peter Pietra
Acting FOIA Officer
Freedom of Information Act Office
TSA Headquarters, TSA-20

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) Privacy Act Division

FOIA NUMBER

Date Rec'd: 2/11/2009

TSA09-0264

Suspense: ~~2/18/2009~~

2/23/09

FROM: (b)(6)

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ACTION OFFICE(s): TSA-28 (b)(6)

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Identify any information in the responsive records you found during your search that you believe should be withheld, and explain why you believe its release would be harmful.

Estimate the direct search costs that you believe would be incurred in determining whether records responsive to the attached request are in your files. **Do not initiate a search unless further advised by this office.**

COMMENTS: Contact (b)(6) (571) 227- for questions and comments. Please fill out tasking sheet and return to (b)(6), FOIA Office.

Indicate where you searched and what type of file the responsive documents were found in i.e., on desk, emails, filed by name, filed by SSN, in a general file. You may have responsive documents coming from multiple categories, please indicate for each document.

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DATE SEARCH BEGAN _____

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) Privacy Act Division

FOIA NUMBER

Date Rec'd: 2/11/2009

TSA09-0264

Suspense: ~~2/18/2009~~

2/23/09

FROM: (b)(6)

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Please see attached.

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FROM: (b)(6)

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ACTION OFFICE(s): TSA-28 (b)(6) TSA-24 (b)(6)

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FOIA NUMBER

Date Rec'd: 2/11/2009

TSA09-0264

Suspense:3/23/09

FROM: (b)(6)

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ACTION OFFICE(s): TSA-28(b)(6) TSA-24(b)(6) TSA-10(b)(6)

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DATE SEARCH BEGAN 3-16-09

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(b)(6) <CTR>

From: FOIA
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2009 10:48 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0264
Attachments: tsa09-0264ts.pdf; tsa09-0264req.pdf

Please see attachments:

Identify any information in the responsive records you found during your search that you believe should be withheld, and explain why you believe its release would be harmful. Please forward all responses along with Tasking sheet. Please return the completed Tasking sheet to me even if there are no responsive records found (you may make a note no response found and sign and the time and pay band for your search time). We need it for our files.

(b)(6)
FOIA Office (TSA-20)
TSA's Office of the Special Counselor (OSC)
Office: (571) 227-
Fax: (571) 227-1406

(b)(6) <CTR>

From: (b)(6) <CTR>
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2009 9:03 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: New FOIA Tasking 09-0264
Follow Up Flag: TSA-28(b)(6)
Due By: Monday, February 23, 2009 4:00 PM
Flag Status: Flagged
Attachments: FOIA Request 09-0264.pdf

Your suspense date is 2/23/09.

Please see Attachment.

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Thanks

(b)(6)
FOIA Office

2/13/2009



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FOIA Request Certification

INSTRUCTIONS: FOIA Points-of-Contact (POCs) will complete Section II and forward responsive records by mail to the TSA Headquarters FOIA Office, TSA-20, or by e-mail to the tasking individual, unless otherwise noted and explained below. If the search identifies TSA has a large volume of responsive records, FOIA POCs must contact the FOIA Office as soon as possible following receipt of this issued form to provide a cost estimate prior to continuing to process the request. Questions should be directed to the FOIA Office at (571) 227-2300, 866-FOIA-TSA (866-364-2872).

SECTION I: CASE SUSPENSE & IDENTIFICATION

FOIA OFFICE USE ONLY

FOIA POC response required on or before:

FOIA POCs direct e-mails replies to:

FOIA Case No.:

Date:

Action Office(s):

Request Received From:

Requester Seeks: (See attached request for further description)

SECTION II: FOIA POC

Part A. Contact Information

Name:

(b)(6)

Phone No.:

(b)(2), (b)(6)

Title:

RFF Lead

Part B. Recommendations (Check all that apply and provide appropriate responses)

- 1. Release all responsive records. (Identify records and from where retrieved)
see attached
- 2. Withhold select responsive records. (explain)
- 3. Withhold all responsive records. (explain)
- 4. No responsive records. Search failed to identify and/or locate responsive records. (explain)
- 5. Recommend FOIA Office contact the following DHS Component, TSA Office and/ or individuals, identified, in order to search for responsive records. (identify)

PART C. Cost Estimate

Search Time (hrs.) / Pay Band	Processing Time (hrs.) / Pay Band	Attorney Time (hrs.) / Pay Band
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PART D. Response Certification

I certify that a search reasonably calculated to uncover all responsive records, paper and electronic, has been conducted and all responsive records have been reviewed, copied and provided to the HQ FOIA Office -TSA-20, or otherwise noted with explanations and/or recommendations provided herein.

FOIA POC Signature:

(b)(6)

Date: 3-17-2009

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) Privacy Act Division

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Date Rec'd: 2/11/2009

TSA09-0264

Suspense:3/23/09

FROM: (b)(6)

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ATTORNEY

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General Aviation Risk Assessment FOIA Request:

In response to FOIA Request#: TSA09-0058 we have pulled together the requested documents. The amount of email traffic on this request is very lengthy, however, the original request only asks for the risk assessment, in which all the emails pertain to.

Apart from the GA risk assessment, which was completed in May 2007, TSA also has in its possession an independent study by Center of Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), titled "*General Aviation Security: Threats, Vulnerabilities, and Priorities*", from March of 2005.

Additionally, the information provided pertains to GA risk assessments, not threat assessments, since the request only asked for risk assessments. If threat assessments are also required, the TSA Office of Intelligence will need to participate in this effort.

(b)(5)

(b)(5)

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Arlington, VA 22202



Transportation
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Date: August 10, 2009
Subject: FOIA: TSA09-0264
From: Director, SSI Office
Office of the Special Counselor
To: Kevin Janet, FOIA Officer, FOIA/PA Division
Transportation Security Administration

Per your request, the above-referenced file has been reviewed for Sensitive Security Information (SSI). Our office has determined that it contains no SSI.

If, during your review or that of the Office of Chief Counsel, any questions arise regarding the recommendations made by this office, please feel free to contact us on extension 7-3513.

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

AC
Andrew Colsky

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Arlington, VA 22202



Transportation
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Date: April 6, 2011

Subject: FOIA: TSA09-0058 Re-review

Gen. Av. Risk Assessment Rom

From: (b)(6), SSI Program
Office of Law Enforcement/FAMS

To: Yvonne Coates, FOIA Officer, FOIA/PA Division
Transportation Security Administration

Per your request, the attached file has been reviewed for Sensitive Security Information (SSI). The information identified as SSI reveals vulnerability assessments information. Therefore, the information in the file should be withheld under FOIA Exemption 3 – 49 CFR 1520.5(b)(5). Please note that additional FOIA exemptions might apply to other portions of the documents.

Our shorthand for redaction citations, as you know, is to note the paragraph within 49 CFR 1520.5(b). Thus, for example: (6)(i) means Exemption 3 – 49 CFR 1520.5(b)(6)(i). The term “RLS” is shorthand for release, meaning to “ignore any previous SSI redactions because this information is not SSI and Exemption 3 does not apply”; the term “WIF” is shorthand for “withhold this entire page [or document] in full”; “RIF” means “this entire page [or document] is not SSI and Exemption 3 does not apply.”

If, during your review or that of the Office of Chief Counsel (OCC), any questions arise regarding the recommendations made by this branch, please feel free to contact us on extension 7-3513.

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Arlington, VA 22202



Transportation
Security
Administration

Date: April 11, 2011
Subject: FOIA: TSA09-0264 Re-review
From: (b)(6), SSI Program
Office of Security Services and Assessments
To: Yvonne L. Coates, FOIA Officer, FOIA/PA Division
Transportation Security Administration

Per your request, the attached files have been reviewed for Sensitive Security Information (SSI). Our program has determined that it contains no SSI.

If, during your review or that of the Office of the Chief Counselor, any questions arise regarding the recommendations made by this office, please feel free to contact me on extension 7-3513.

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

(b)(6) <CTR>

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, November 05, 2008 2:09 PM
To: Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>; (b)(6) <CTR>
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: FOIA Request 09-0058 09-0264
Attachments: FOIA Request.doc

To: TSA FOIA Office,

Below is TSNM's response to FOIA Request 09-0058, and based on the discussion below, (b)(5)

Thanks

In response to FOIA Request#: TSA09-0058 we have pulled together the requested documents. The amount of email traffic on this request is very lengthy, however, the original request only asks for the risk assessment, in which all the emails pertain to.

Apart from the GA risk assessment, which was completed in May 2007, TSA also has in its possession an independent study by Center of Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), titled "*General Aviation Security: Threats, Vulnerabilities, and Priorities*", from March of 2005.

Additionally, the information provided pertains to GA risk assessments, not threat assessments, since the request only asked for risk assessments. If threat assessments are also required, the TSA Office of Intelligence will need to participate in this effort.

(b)(5)

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(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2009 3:16 PM
To: (b)(6) <CTR>; (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: FW: New FOIA Tasking 09-0264
Attachments: FOIA Request 09-0264.pdf; TSA09-0058_first request (email).pdf

(b)(6)

The FOIA request we received today, is one that we have already provided documents for. Kevin met with myself and (b)(6) and we provided Kevin with Volumes 1 and 2, of the GA Risk Assessments, and I also provided (b)(6) with a CD copy of those documents as well. Per the email below from (b)(6) we believe this individual has put out a second request for these documents. I have attached the first request and the second request sent to me this morning.

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2009 3:07 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: New FOIA Tasking 09-0264

(b)(6)

I think you right. It looks like the individual is putting in a second request for the same information we submitted earlier to the FOIA office.

Thanks,

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2009 9:13 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: New FOIA Tasking 09-0264

(b)(6), this is a new FOIA request and just to make sure I am correct. This is the same request that you provided the booklet (Vol 1 and Vol 2 plus a copy CD correct? It is from them same guy (b)(6) Please let me know and I will go back to the FOIA office. I have also attached the first request he sent in.

Thanks

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6) <CTR>
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2009 9:03 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: New FOIA Tasking 09-0264

Your suspense date is 2/23/09.

Please see Attachment.

Identify any information in the responsive records you found during your search that you believe should be withheld, and explain why you believe its release would be harmful. Please forward all responses along with Tasking sheet. Please return the completed Tasking sheet to me even if there are no responsive records found (you may make a note no response found and sign and the time and pay band for your search time). We need it for our files.

Thanks

To: FOIA Office

From: TSNM -(b)(6)

Re: (b)(6) TSNM General Aviation, believes FOIA request #09-0264, is the same as request # 09-0058. The individual seems to be putting in a second request for the same information. After a meeting with Kevin Janet (around Dec/Jan) for #09-0058, Volumes I and II of the GA Risk Assessments were provided. (b)(6) believes this documentation will cover both of these requests. A CD copy of the Risk Assessments was also provided to (b)(6)

(b)(6) <CTR>

From: (b)(6) <CTR>
Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2009 10:14 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: New FOIA Tasking (09-0264)
Follow Up Flag: TSA-24 (b)(6)
Due By: Thursday, March 05, 2009 4:00 PM
Flag Status: Flagged
Attachments: FOIA Req 09-0264.pdf

Your suspense date is 3/5/09.

Please see attachment.

Identify any information in the responsive records you found during your search that you believe should be withheld, and explain why you believe its release would be harmful. Please forward all responses along with Tasking sheet. *Please return the completed Tasking sheet to me even if there are no responsive records found (you may make a note no response found and sign and the time and pay band for your search time). We need it for our files.*

Thanks

2/26/2009

E11-2075
FOIA copy

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2009 1:47 PM
To: Washington-Holland, Michelle ; (b)(6)
Cc: TSA-OI_RFI; (b)(6)
Subject: TSA/Intel-RFI #955: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0264
Importance: High
Attachments: tsa09-0264ts.pdf; tsa09-0264req.pdf

TSA/Intel-RFI #955, due 23 Mar 09, forwarded for your action.

FOIA Tasking for:

TIA: Conduct a search of all published & unpublished analytical documents, to include TIG/TIN/etc., and TIA emails.

Subject: Aviation International News request for Security/Threat Assessments

Please see attachment for details. All offices provide any negative response or positive matches BACK TO ME; I will submit to FOIA Office. If any classified data is discovered, ensure all paragraphs & overall classification is clearly marked on the documents.

As a reminder, the Office of Intelligence is LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE to conduct a search "reasonably calculated to uncover responsive documents" for this information. This includes automated searches of all databases we are responsible for. If you have any questions about this, please contact me ASAP.

Thank you,

(b)(6)

Mission Support Unit (MSU)
Office of Intelligence
Transportation Security Administration
(b)(2), (b)(6)

RFI Email: TSA-OI_RFI@tsa.dhs.gov

Email: (b)(6)@dhs.gov

ICMail: (b)(6)@tsa.ic.gov

From: FOIA
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2009 10:48 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0264

Please see attachments:

Identify any information in the responsive records you found during your search that you believe should be withheld, and explain why you believe its release would be harmful. Please forward all responses along with Tasking sheet. Please return the completed Tasking sheet to me even if there are no responsive records found (you may make a note no response found and sign and the time and pay band for your search time). We need it for our files.

(b)(6)
FOIA Office (TSA-20)
TSA's Office of the Special Counselor (OSC)
Office: (571) 227-
Fax: (571) 227-1406

(b)(6) <CTR>

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2009 5:58 AM
To: (b)(6) <CTR>
Cc: TSA-OI_RFI
Subject: RE: TSA/Intel-RFI #955: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0264

(b)(6)

See below in RED in response to FOIA TSA09-0264. I'll bring the Certification to you; where are you located?

(b)(6)

Mission Support Unit (MSU)
Office of Intelligence
Transportation Security Administration

(b)(2), (b)(6)

RFI Email: TSA-OI_RFI@tsa.dhs.gov

Email: (b)(6)@dhs.gov

ICMail: (b)(6)@tsa.ic.gov

From: Washington-Holland, Michelle
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2009 3:11 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: TSA-OI_RFI; (b)(6)
Subject: RE: TSA/Intel-RFI #955: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0264

Response to Questions:

1. TSA-OI conducted, or rather produced, a General Aviation Threat Assessment at the U//FOUO level in November 2007. However, an updated assessment was produced as an appendix to the Civil Aviation Threat Assessment in December 2008.
2. See above.
3. See above.
4. (U//FOUO) TSA's Office of Intelligence assesses that while terrorist groups maintain the capability and intent to conduct terrorist attacks against U.S. civil aviation, and have shown some interest in conducting attacks using general aviation overseas, there is little evidence to suggest that terrorists are turning their attention specifically to the general aviation sector in the Homeland. (U//FOUO "contains information that may be exempt from public release under the FOIA act"... "is not to be released to the public, the media"... "no portion of this report should be furnished to the media, either in written or verbal form.")
5. TSA-OI produces an annual written product that will be included in the Civil Aviation Threat Assessment.
6. The next iteration is scheduled for September 2009.
7. (U//FOUO) To assess the threat to general aviation aircraft and airports. The assessment examines a variety of actors with the capability and intent to carry out operations against U.S. general aviation and the tactics they may use. (U//FOUO "contains information that may be exempt from public release under the FOIA act"... "is not to be released to the public, the media"... "no portion of this report should be furnished to the media, either in written or verbal form.")

Michelle Washington-Holland
Director, Transportation Intelligence Analysis
Office of Intelligence | Transportation Security Administration
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Office: (b)(2), (b)(6) | BB: (b)(2), (b)(6)

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From: Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>
Sent: Thursday, May 07, 2009 11:28 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>
Subject: FW: TSA09-0058 GA risk assessments, TSA09-0264 GA threat assessment
Attachments: 2007nov report.pdf; Civil Aviation Threat Assessment dec 08.pdf; tasking emails to tsa10.pdf

Consider this an operational heads-up, especially for OI. This is a second request filed by (b)(6) /Aviation International News. The first request (TSA09-0058) pertains to the GA Risk Assessment prepared for TSA by the Homeland Security Institute. This request (TSA09-0264), pertains to civil aviation (general aviation) threat assessments. The 11/2007 threat assessment report prepared by OI, contains information very similar to that found in the GA Threat Assessment report, such as GA facts, figures and definitions as well as general information about terrorists and other potential bad actors. (I understand OCC will recommend release of the GA Risk Assessment Report in full). The 11/2007 threat assessment is heavily footnoted for its content. Of the 22 footnotes, 20 are public sources (published media reports and public source internet content.) The final two footnotes pertain to al-Qa'ida alleged terrorist plots, one of which I found on MSNBC: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/5626850/>. The second one pertains to an anonymous source giving information about an alleged al-Qa'ida plot to use helicopters to crash into the Library Tower/Los Angeles. The terrorists' supposed interest in the Library Tower is widely published.

Regarding the 12/2008 threat assessment, I have run numerous queries of the data and found the information to be publicly available.

(b)(5)

(b)(6) has asked the FOIA Office to advise OI of the decision prior to release and we will do so. (b)(6) I am open to hearing any concerns your office may have regarding the release of these records.

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, May 07, 2009 8:36 AM
To: Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>
Subject: TSA09-0264 another sensitive issue like 09-0058

(b)(6)

Office of Special Counselor (OSC)
FOIA OFFICE
Transportation Security Administration
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(b)(6)

From: (b)(6) <CTR>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2009 11:20 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: Status Update

H(b)(6)

I just wanted to give you a status on the FOIAs mentioned below. It should be noted that both of them are still under review by the Subject Matter Experts:

09-0294: "Aviation Playbook"

09-0264: "General Aviation Threat Assessment" (rel. to FOIA 09-0058)

I will continue to provide a status until these files completed our review process. If you have any questions, or I can provide further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks,

(b)(6)

Transportation Security Administration
OSC/Sensitive Security Information Office

(b)(6)

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(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2010 3:34 PM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>(b)(6); Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>; (b)(6)
Subject: As per our meetings today on FOIAs 09-0058 and 09-0264

This is a summary of our meeting today on the General Aviation (GA) FOIAs 09-0058 and 09-0264.

09-0058
FOIA 09-0264 consist of three reports:

- Part I Final Report
- Part II Appendices
- Part III Classified Report

The Part I and Part II have been reviewed for SSI by the SSI Branch (b)(6) SMEs, and OCC (b)(6), please provide the name(s) of the SMEs who worked on this issue.

Part III will need to reviewed to determine if the information can be de-classified. Kevin has the lead on the issue of Part III. The FOIA 09-0264 is currently in the FOIA Office until the issue of Part III is resolved.

FOIA 09-0264 is with the SSI Branch. The SSI Branch will review Part I and Part II and use these documents as a guideline to determine if there is any information in FOIA 09-0264 that may be protected as SSI. (b)(6) and (b)(6) will be re-reviewing this FOIA.

Thanks everyone.

(b)(6)

Sensitive Security Information (SSI) Branch
Business Management Office
Office of Intelligence (TSA-10)
Transportation Security Administration
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
(571) 227- (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Subject: FW: FOIAs 09-0058 and 09-0264
Location: HQE12-002 6 Seat Conference Room

Start: Tue 2/2/2010 11:00 AM
End: Tue 2/2/2010 12:00 PM
Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: (b)(6)

(b)(6), maybe should attend. I am bringing you the files to hold until then.

-----Original Appointment-----

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2010 11:39 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6); Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>
Subject: FOIAs 09-0058 and 09-0264
When: Tuesday, February 02, 2010 11:00 AM-12:00 PM (GMT-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: HQE12-002 6 Seat Conference Room

(b)(6), please email me or provide me copies of the GA reports with the SSI redactions from your records.

It is my understanding that (b)(6) intended to finalize the portion-marking of the GA reports in both FOIA 09-0058 and FOIA 09-0264. Once (b)(6) returns, he can finalize the markings as he was involved in the discussions on these reports. If in two weeks, (b)(6), then other members of the SSI Branch, (b)(6) will finalize the markings of the reports.

Please let me know if you need additional information on this issue.

Thanks everyone.

(b)(6)

<TSA OCC>

Subject: Outstanding FOIAs for GA Risk Assessments
Location: HQE12-001N 18 Seat Conference Room

Start: Fri 7/1/2011 10:30 AM
End: Fri 7/1/2011 11:00 AM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Meeting organizer

Organizer: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>

Required Attendees: Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <EP-TSOC>; Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>; (b)(6)

Resources: HQE12-001N 18 Seat Conference Room

TSA has 3 outstanding FOIA requests for the 3-volume GA Risk Assessment: TSA09-0058, TSA09-0168 & TSA09-0264. As some of you will recall, the initial review of the risk assessment found no SSI. (b)(5)

The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether the Gale briefing is still needed. If so, is the margin annotation still needed?

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, July 08, 2011 1:32 PM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <EP-TSOC>; Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Outstanding FOIAs for GA Risk Assessments

I just heard from our contractor that the document in question – Secret Level Annex is 22 pages

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, July 08, 2011 11:13 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <EP-TSOC>; (b)(6) Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Outstanding FOIAs for GA Risk Assessments

I did not see the document in our safe.

-----Original Appointment-----

From: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2011 11:19 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <EP-TSOC>; Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>; (b)(6) Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6)
Subject: Outstanding FOIAs for GA Risk Assessments
When: Friday, July 08, 2011 10:30 AM-11:00 AM (GMT-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: HQE12-001N 18 Seat Conference Room

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(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 8:46 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Cc: Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC> (b)(6) <EP-TSOC>; (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: RE: Status of GARA (RE: Outstanding FOIAs for GA Risk Assessments)

I have marked the associated FOIAs (TSA09-0058, TSA09-0168 & TSA09-0264) in Filemaker as being delivered to SSI by you on 8/19/11.

Yvonne L. Coates

Director, Freedom of Information Act Office
Office of the Special Counselor
Transportation Security Administration
(571) 227- (b)(2), (b)(6)

From: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2011 2:41 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <EP-TSOC>; (b)(6); Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Subject: RE: Status of GARA (RE: Outstanding FOIAs for GA Risk Assessments)

Thanks, (b)(6) Yvonne, these FOIAs should be marked as being in SSI review in FileMaker.

(b)(6)

(b)(6)
Office of Chief Counsel
Transportation Security Administration
571-227- (b)(6)
(b)(2), (b)(6) (BB)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2011 11:45 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Cc: Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <EP-TSOC>; (b)(6)
Subject: Status of GARA (RE: Outstanding FOIAs for GA Risk Assessments)

(b)(6)

There appears to be some confusion regarding the tasking that resulted from this meeting. I was under the impression TSNM was going to look it over a last time and submit to us any areas they thought redactions should be expanded. TSNM thought we were going to look over their earlier proposed redactions and explain why areas are not SSI.

To resolve this I have created redacted versions of Vols I & II. I am having two analysts with no previous exposure to the documents review the redacted version with a broad eye to sensitivity.

I will assess any areas they identify then expand redactions where appropriate and send that version out for final concurrence. We lack the resources to create an explanation for every paragraph that is not SSI and were I to pick and choose which paragraphs to justify I would no doubt miss some paragraph, sentence or chart title that raised questions.

(b)(6)

OLE/FAMS, Office of Security, SSI Program

7-██████; (b)(2), (b)(6) (cell)

Records guide 5000 unless otherwise noted.

-----Original Appointment-----

From: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>

Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2011 10:23 AM

To: Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <EP-TSOC>; Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>; (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Subject: Outstanding FOIAs for GA Risk Assessments

When: Thursday, July 07, 2011 4:30 PM-5:00 PM (GMT-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: HQE12-001N 18 Seat Conference Room

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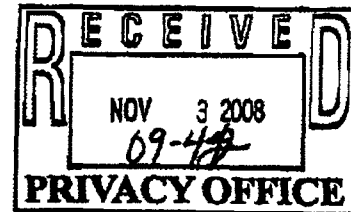
From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: Friday, October 31, 2008 1:27 PM
To: FOIA; (b)(6)
Subject: EEOC NO: 520-2008-00355X- 2nd REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTS

09-0607

TSA 09-0108
11/24/08
12/19/08

Date: October 30, 2008

To: Director, Departmental Disclosure & FOIA
The Privacy Office
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
245 Murray Lane Mail Stop 0550
Washington, D.C. 20520



From: (b)(6)

Subject: EEOC NO: 520-2008-00355X
AGENCY NO.: CBP-002124-040115
SECOND REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

A. The Discovery Requests seek all information that is known or available to you, your agents, representatives, investigators, consultants, and, unless privileged, your attorneys, and also their agents, employees, representatives or investigators

B. If you cannot answer any of the following Discovery Requests in full, after exercising due diligence in securing information to do so, so state and answer to the extent possible, with whatever knowledge you have and describe the investigation undertaken by you to answer the respective discovery request in full.

C. DEFINITIONS:

1. Document: means a copy of the original and each non- identical copy of each writing of every kind and description(with all worksheets, supporting documents, and other relevant material), by hand or by mechanical, electronic, photographic, computer or other means(recordings, film, tape, pr other), and including but not limited to, correspondence, letters, telegrams messages, teletype messages, memoranda, E-Mail, notes, reports, records of meetings, conferences or telephone or other conversations or communications, studies, statistical analyses, calendars, tabulations, drawings, or graphs.

2. Any request to identify any record, document or writing shall include identification as to : a- the date the same was dated or prepared; b-the name, address and title of the person preparing same; c-the name, address and title of the person for and/or to whom the same was prepared and addressed; d- the name, address, title of all persons to whom copies of the same were furnished or otherwise forwarded; e- the

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title and or other designation or name given to same; f- the name, address, title of the person or persons having possession, custody or control of the same at the present time, and the specific file and/ or document locator number.

3. Any request to identify a person shall include identification fully as to: a- name; b- business address and telephone number; c- title, occupation and employer (if TSA employee position and grade); and d- relationship to you.

4. The words "you" and "your" shall mean the Agency (Transportation Security Administration), You, your agents, servants, employees, representatives, officers or anyone acting for or on your behalf, or on the Agency's behalf.

D. If any answer to the following Discovery Requests is answered other than from Personal Knowledge, identify in accordance with C-3, each person who has knowledge of the truth and facts given in each answer.

E. Any objection made to any of the Discovery Request must be stated, along with the basis for the objection.

F. If any matter responsive to any of the Discovery is withheld based on any claims of privilege identify as to each privileged communication or document:

1- date

2-author(s)

3-business title or position of its author(s)

4-its recipient

5-the basis for the claim of privilege.

COMPLAINANT'S REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS:

1. Any and all documents, writings, records contained in any Investigative file/folder that were utilized for disciplinary actions, charges of adverse action, lowering of pay and grade, that was used in preparation of your case against the complainant to demote, discipline, or for admonishments, as well as derogatory information provided to Customs and Border Protection (CBP).

2. A copy of all documents relating to the administrative test given to Complainant by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) July 15th, 2005, including any response submitted in connection to it.

3. A copy of all documents relating to the Demotion of Complainant from supervisory position with the TSA in June 2005, including any response submitted. A copy of all complaints of flight delay, missing flights because of complainant's actions filed by South West Airline, Flight Operations ISP Airport report of Flight Delays or Cancellations, Passengers in connection with complainant's actions and as it relates to the charge, supporting demotion, witness statements and supporting affidavits.

4. A copy of all documents relating to the Charge by TSA of Misconduct of Standard Operating Procedures including any response filed in connection with the charges.

5. A copy of all documents relating to the sexual harassment complaint filed against Complainant by a female TSA employee including any response filed in connection with the complaint.

6. A copy of all documents relating to the reprimand that was issued to complainant by the TSA on

November 20th, 2003 including any response filed in connection with the reprimand.

7. Any documents and correspondence that you have written or received regarding the allegations of Discrimination, Harassment, Hostile work environment, Unfair promotions, and personnel practices, interrogatories and any documents received as a result of that correspondence.

(b)(6)
Complainant

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the enclosed document was sent by Certified Mail, this day to:

Director, Departmental Disclosure & FOIA
The Privacy Office
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
245 Murray Lane Mail Stop 0550
Washington, D.C. 20520

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DHS-Privacy/FOIA Office

245 Murray Drive SW, Building 410

Washington DC 20528-0550

(b)(6) FOIA request referred to TSA/FOIA from Department of Homeland Security (DHS): DHS//PRIV/09-42/(b)(6) request; See attachment for requested documents.

6/10/09 Reopen request - received original perjury stmt (See TSA09-0108). (b)(6)

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Homeland Security

Privacy Office, Mail Stop 0550

November 13, 2008

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Re: **DHS/OS/PRIV/ 09-42/Puello request**

Dear **(b)(6)**

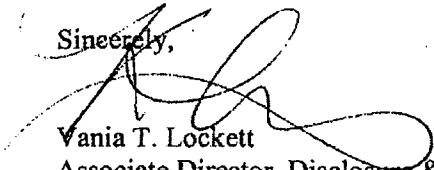
This acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), dated October 31, 2008, and received in this office on November 3, 2008. You are seeking the following:

1. Any and all documents, writings, records contained in any investigative file/folder utilized for disciplinary actions, charges of adverse action, or lowering of pay and grade during preparation of a case against the complainant to demote and/or discipline, to include derogatory information provided to Customs and Border Protection (CBP);
2. A copy of all documents relating to the administrative test given to the complainant by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) July 15th, 2005, including any response submitted in connection to it;
3. A copy of all documents relating to the demotion of the complainant from supervisory position with the TSA in June, 2005, including any response submitted, a copy of all complaints of flight delay, missing flights because of complainant's actions filed by Southwest Airline, Flight Operations ISP Airport reports of flight delays or cancellations, passengers in connection with complainant's actions and related to the charge supporting demotion, to include witness statements and supporting affidavits;
4. A copy of all documents relating to the charge by TSA of misconduct of standard operating procedures, including any response filed in connection with the charges;
5. A copy of all documents relating to the sexual harassment complaint filed against the complainant by a female TSA employee, including any response filed in connection with the complaint;
6. A copy of all documents relating to the reprimand issued to the complainant by the TSA on November 20, 2003, including any response filed in connection with the reprimand; and
7. Any documents and/or correspondence written or received regarding the allegations of discrimination, harassment, hostile work environment, unfair promotions, and personnel practices, to include interrogations and any documents received as a result of that correspondence.

Upon initial review of your request, I have determined that the information you are seeking is under the purview of two DHS components: the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), and United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP). Therefore, I am referring your request to the FOIA Officers for TSA and CBP for processing and direct response to you. You may contact the TSA by writing to Transportation Security Administration, 601 S. 12th Street, 11th Floor, East Tower, Arlington, VA 22202 or via telephone at 1-866-FOIA-TSA or 571-227-2300. You may contact CBP by writing to U.S. Customs and Border Protection, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Mint Annex, Washington, D.C. 20229 or via telephone at 202-572-8720.

If you need to contact this office again concerning your request, please refer to **DHS/OS/PRIV 09-42(b)(6)** request. This office can be reached at 866-431-0486.

Sincerely,


Vania T. Lockett
Associate Director, Disclosure & FOIA Operations

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Freedom of Information Act Office
Arlington, VA 22202



Transportation
Security
Administration

November 25, 2008

TSA09-0108

(b)(6)

Dear (b)(6)

This is to inform you that on November 24, 2008, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Office received your FOIA request dated October 31, 2008.

Your request has been given identification number TSA09-0108. Because you have asked for copies of records about yourself, TSA must verify the identity to ensure that your personal information is not released to anyone other than you. Pursuant to Department of Homeland Security regulation 6 C.F.R. § 5.21(d), you can verify your identity for purposes of this request by providing the information requested below and attesting to its accuracy under penalty of perjury. Your FOIA/PA request will not be perfected, and therefore will not be processed, until your identity is verified.

(b)(6)

(Full Name)

(b)(6)

(Current Address - if different than address listed above)

(b)(6)

(Date of Birth)

(b)(6)

(Place of Birth)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on (date) 11/24/08

(b)(6)

(Signature of Subject)

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Freedom of Information Act
and Privacy Act Division
Arlington, VA 20598-6020



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JUN 12 2009

FOIA Case Number TSA09-0607

(b)(6)

Dear **(b)(6)**:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated June 6, 2007, to the Transportation Security Administration for the following:

1. Any and all documents, writings, records contained in any investigative file/folder utilized for disciplinary actions, charges of adverse action, or lowering of pay and grade during preparation of a case against the complainant to demote and/or discipline, to include derogatory information provided to Customs and Border Protection (CBP);
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3. A copy of all documents relating to the demotion of the complainant from supervisory position with the TSA in June, 2005, including any response submitted, a actions filed by Southwest Airline, Flight Operations ISP Airport reports of flight related to the charge, supporting demotion, to include witness statements and supporting affidavits;
4. A copy of all documents relating to the charge by TSA of misconduct of standard operating procedures, including any response filed in connection with charges;
5. A copy of all documents relating to the sexual harassment complaint file against the complainant by a female TSA employee, including any response filed in connection with the complaint;
6. A copy of all documents relating to the reprimand issued to the complainant by the TSA on November 20, 2003, including any response filed in connection with the reprimand; and
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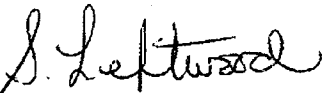
www.tsa.gov

By letter, dated November 25, 2008, we did not advise you that due to the increasing number of FOIA requests by this office, we could encounter some delay in processing your request. We are advising you now and sincerely apologize for the delay and inconvenience it may have caused. However, we want to let you know that we have been making earnest and diligent efforts to reduce the backlog of cases, and that your file is scheduled to be reviewed in the near future.

Before we begin the time-consuming review process, we want to ensure that you are still interested in continuing the processing of this request. Please indicate your continued interest in pursuing these records within 30 days from the date of this letter, or we will assume you are no longer interested in this FOIA request, and the case will be administratively closed.

If you have any questions pertaining to your request, please feel free to contact the FOIA Office at 1-866-364-2872 or locally at 571-227-2300 or by email at foia@tsa.gov.

Sincerely,



Kevin J. Janet

FOIA Officer

Freedom of Information Act

For

OHC TSA-21,
§ AIRPORT (ISP)

Task Offices:

Check Privacy Act/perjury statement box: YES No

Print Acknowledgement Letter: YES No

Print Perjury Statement: YES No

Print Third Party Statement: YES No

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) Privacy Act Division

FOIA NUMBER

Date Rec'd: 11/24/2008

TSA09-0108

Suspense: ~~12/1/2008~~

12/9/08

FROM: Vania Lockett
DHS - Privacy/FOIA Office

ACTION OFFICE(s): TSA-21 (b)(6); FSD/ISP (b)(6)

The attached request is to be responded to ONLY by the FOIA Office. Please return information requested to TSA-20 Rm: 11th floor, 205S, East Tower. If you require any assistance, please contact FOIA office, 571-227-2300. NOTE: The law requires that the request be answered within 20 working days of receipt. Cognizant offices are expected to respond by the suspense date.

Conduct a search for records, including e-mail records, responsive to the attached request and forward a legible copy (not the original) of all responsive records found to this office for further processing. If no records exist, a written negative report is required.

Identify any information in the responsive records you found during your search that you believe should be withheld, and explain why you believe its release would be harmful.

Estimate the direct search costs that you believe would be incurred in determining whether records responsive to the attached request are in your files. Do not initiate a search unless further advised by this office.

COMMENTS: Contact (b)(6) (571) 227- for questions and/or comments. Please fill out the tasking sheet and return to (b)(6), FOIA Office.

Indicate where you searched and what type of file the responsive documents were found in i.e., on desk, emails, filed by name, filed by SSN, in a general file. You may have responsive documents coming from multiple categories, please indicate for each document.

SEARCH TIME (Hrs)	ACTION OFFICE		ATTORNEY	
	PAY BAND	PROCESSING TIME (Hrs)	PAY BAND	TIME (Hrs)
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DATE SEARCH BEGAN _____

This is to certify that all program files pertaining to the FOIA request have been searched and copies of all documents located have been furnished to the FOIA Office.

SIGNATURE OF INDIVIDUAL CERTIFYING ABOVE DATE SIGNED PAY BAND ROUTING SYMBOL

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) Privacy Act Division

FOIA NUMBER

Date Rec'd: 11/24/2008

TSA09-0108

Suspense: ~~12/1/2008~~

2/5/09

FROM: Vania Lockett
DHS - Privacy/FOIA Office

FILE

ACTION OFFICE(s): TSA-21 (b)(6) FSD/ISP (b)(6)

(b)(6)

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No Records for TSA-21; this is at the APT level, except perhaps #6 which may be PerSec.

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DATE SEARCH BEGAN 1/24/08

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SIG (b)(6) CERTIFYING ABOVE DATE SIGNED 2/6/09 PAY BAND F ROUTING SYMBOL TSA-21



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FOIA Request Certification

INSTRUCTIONS: FOIA Points-of-Contact (POCs) will complete Section II and forward responsive records by mail to the TSA Headquarters FOIA Office, TSA-20, or by e-mail to the tasking individual, unless otherwise noted and explained below. If the search identifies TSA has a large volume of responsive records, FOIA POCs must contact the FOIA Office as soon as possible following receipt of this issued form to provide a cost estimate prior to continuing to process the request. Questions should be directed to the FOIA Office at (571) 227-2300, 866-FOIA-TSA (866-364-2872).

SECTION I: CASE SUSPENSE & IDENTIFICATION		
FOIA OFFICE USE ONLY		
FOIA POC response required on or before: 11/16/11		
FOIA POCs direct e-mails replies to: TSA.FOIAPOCResponses@tsa.dhs.gov		
FOIA Case No.: TSA09-0607	Date: 11/10/11	
Action Office(s): OHC/TSA-21 (b)(6)		
Request Received From: (b)(6)		
Requester Seeks: (see attached request for further description)		
SECTION II: FOIA POC		
Part A. Contact Information		
Name:	Phone No.:	
Title:		
Part B. Recommendations (Check all that apply and provide appropriate responses)		
<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Release all responsive records. (identify records and from where retrieved)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Withhold select responsive records. (explain)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Withhold all responsive records. (explain)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	4. No responsive records. Search failed to identify and/or locate responsive records. (explain)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Recommend FOIA Office contact the following DHS Component, TSA Office and/ or individuals, identified, in order to search for responsive records. (identify)	
PART C. Cost Estimate		
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PART D. Response Certification		
I certify that a search reasonably calculated to uncover all responsive records, paper and electronic, has been conducted and all responsive records have been reviewed, copied and provided to the HQ FOIA Office -TSA-20, or otherwise noted with explanations and/or recommendations provided herein.		
FOIA POC Signature:		Date:

(b)(6) <CTR>

From: (b)(6) <CTR>
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2011 8:52 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FOIA request TSA09-0607

Good morning,

Please review and respond to the attachment. Identify any information in the responsive records you found during your search that you believe should be withheld, and explain why you believe its release would be harmful. Forward all responses along with **completed tasking sheet**. Please return the completed tasking sheet (TSA Form 3601) along with responsive records only to TSA.FOIAPOCRESPONSES@tsa.dhs.gov. If there are no responsive records found fill out the form accordingly and return it for record keeping.

Thank you in advance,



Tasking Sheet-
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FOIA request.pdf

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SECTION I: CASE SUSPENSE & IDENTIFICATION

FOIA OFFICE USE ONLY

FOIA POC response required on or before: 11/25/2011

FOIA POCs direct e-mails replies to: TSA.FOIAPOCResponses@tsa.dhs.gov

FOIA Case No.: TSA09-0607 Date: 11/18/2011

Action Office(s): FSD(b)(6)

Request Received From: (b)(6)

Requester Seeks: (see attached request for further description)

SECTION II: FOIA POC

Part A: Contact Information

Name: (b)(6) Phone No.: 571-227-(b)(2) (b)(6)

Title: FOIA Specialist

Part B: Recommendations (Check all that apply and provide appropriate responses)

1. Release all responsive records. (identify records and from where retrieved)

2. Withhold select responsive records. (explain)

3. Withhold all responsive records. (explain)

4. No responsive records. Search failed to identify and/or locate responsive records. (explain)

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PART D: Response Certification

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FOIA POC Signature: _____ Date: _____

Statz, Amanda <TSA-FOIA>

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2011 2:03 PM
To: TSA.FOIAPOCResponses
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: TSA09-0607
Attachments: tasking sheet for tsa09 0607.pdf

Good afternoon,

I have attached the FOIA Request Certification for FOIA Case No: TSA09-0607.

Thank you.

(b)(6)

TSA/Homeland Security
LGA/ISP/HPN/JRB
75-20 Astoria Blvd., Suite 300
Jackson Heights, NY 11370
(b)(6) Desk
(718)639-5419 Fax
(b)(6)@dhs.gov Email



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FOIA Case No.: TSA09-0607	Date: 11/18/2011	
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Requester Seeks: (see attached request for further description)		
SECTION II: FOIA POC		
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FOIA POC Signature:	(b)(6)	Date: 11/29/11

(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2011 11:58 AM
To: (b)(6) <CTR>
Subject: RE: FOIA request TSA09-0607
Attachments: TSA09-0108.pdf

Hi (b)(6)

I found this FOIA under TSA09-0108. Attached is the completed tasking sheet from 1/22/08, from (b)(6) handwriting says, "No records for TSA-21; This is at the apt (airport) level, except perhaps #6, which may be PerSec."

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Regards,

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

Office of Human Capital, Policy & Communications Division
W4-218S
571-227- (b)(6)

From: (b)(6) <CTR>
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2011 8:52 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FOIA request TSA09-0607

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Thank you in advance,

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Ms. Kimberly Walton
Special Counselor
Office of the Special Counselor
Transportation Security Administration
601 South 12th Street
East Building
E7-121S
Arlington, VA 20598-6033

RE: TSA11-0734

Dear Ms. Walton,

I am writing in reference to TSA's denial of my FOIA request for records pertaining to security breaches at Chicago O'Hare and Midway Airports. In July, the TSA was asked to appear before a congressional hearing to discuss such events. During that hearing, Congressman Jason Chaffetz of Utah, citing the TSA's own numbers, said that there had been more than 25,000 breaches at U.S. airports since November of 2001, including more than 14,000 where people found their way into sensitive areas and 6,000 in which travelers got past screeners without proper scrutiny. No breakdowns were provided for individual cities. This is all we asked for.

I was especially disappointed at your denial, because it came after TSA far exceeded the statutory guidelines of the Freedom of Information Act. When I received confirmation of receipt of my FOIA request July 15, your agency requested a 10 day extension. Ten days came and went, as did one month, and then two. The denial letter was dated October 21, 2011.

Your agency's denial stated that the information I sought reveals "sensitive security information" which would be "detrimental to the security of transportation" if disclosed. This is spurious on its face, especially in light of the fact that the TSA has already released overall numbers of the very breaches that are the subject of our request.

Transparency in government is a hallmark of a free democracy. Chicago residents certainly deserve to know the status of security at their two primary airports, especially after a new agency was created and given a mandate to assure safety. If in fact the numbers are small, it only reinforces the TSA's continuing declarations that they are doing a good job. If the numbers are large, there might be room for concern, but certainly the agency does not deserve to conceal those numbers under a veil of "sensitive security information".

Please consider this letter a formal appeal of your denial of our FOIA request, TSA11-0734.

Sincerely,

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Reporter, WMAQ-TV/NBC Chicago

Cc: Sen. Richard Durbin, Sen. Mark Kirk, Rep. Jason Chaffetz

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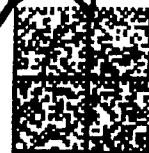
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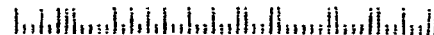


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December 12, 2011

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NBC Chicago 5 News
454 North Columbus Drive
Chicago, IL 60611-5555

Re: TSA11-0734A

Dear (b)(6)

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) received your letter appealing our final determination regarding your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request TSA 11-0734. On behalf of the Special Counselor, we acknowledge your appeal request and have assigned it case number TSA11-0734A for tracking purposes. Please reference this number in any future communications about your appeal.

A high number of appeals and requests have been received by TSA. Accordingly, we have adopted the court-sanctioned practice of generally handling backlogged appeals on a first-in, first-out basis.¹ While we will make every effort to process your appeal in a timely manner, there may be some delay in resolving this matter. Should you have any questions concerning the processing of your appeal, please contact the TSA FOIA Office at (571) 227-2300, or tsa.foia@dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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for

Yvonne L. Coates
Director, Freedom of Information Act Office
Office of the Special Counselor
Transportation Security Administration

¹ Appeals of expedited treatment denials will be handled on an expedited basis.



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October 23, 2011

Kimberly Walton, Special Counselor
Office of the Special Counselor
Transportation Security Administration
601 South 12th Street, East Building E7-121S
Arlington, VA 20598-6033

Subject: Appeal of FOIA Case Number: TSA11-0191

Dear Counselor,

On October 10, 2010, arising from my application (and medical no-go) for entry-level TSO at the Portland Regional Office, the core of my FOIA request included the following:

- the four-page checklist/form utilized by (b)(6) and his staff in determining my physical and mental qualifications or suitability for part time work as a TSO
- the regulation/policy or foundational document(s) upon which this four-page form is based

If not included above, I request the medical basis for determining that degenerative disc disease and/or osteoarthritis, controlled and managed long term through daily exercise, stretching and the use of Celebrex, disqualifies the candidate for a part time/probationary opportunity to prove that he or she is in fact capable of fulfilling all job requirements. Again, my issue is with the pass/fail criteria, not CHS staff.

(b)(6)

On September 26, 2011, nearly a year later, I received the most absurd response one could ever imagine: 59 pages of documents totally redacted (black ink top to bottom). As you can see above, I was requesting the medical examination forms relevant to my own screening; and the policy/regulatory documents driving the determination that I was medically incapable of performing the job. This request did not involve any classified material or documents pertaining to any kind of investigation.

At the time of my application for employment, just a few months after returning from a year in Iraq, I could not imagine a more ideal candidate for this job: (b)(6)

(b)(6) – ready and willing to work any assigned hours and duties. You can imagine my frustration on all counts – now compounded by this FOIA response that not only took a year, but also wasted one heck of a lot of black printer ink. I hope that you will agree that TSA has fallen short in both accountability and common sense.

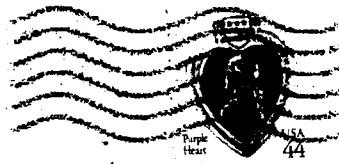
(b)(6)

Cc: Congresswoman Jaime Herrera-Beutler, Third District, Southwest Washington

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SPECIAL COUNSELOR KIMBERLY WALTON
OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL COUNSELOR
TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION
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FOIA APPEAL

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APPEAL

(b)(6)

October 11, 2010

Comprehensive Health Services
Attn: Program Manager TSA
8810 Astronaut Blvd, Suite 124
Cape Canaveral, FL 32920

[**Also faxed to 703-288-5496**]

Subject: Request for Expeditious Review/Reconsideration and/or Documents

Dear Sir/Madam,

First, let me say that (b)(6), on behalf of (b)(6) has been both professional and courteous in all contacts relevant to this most unfortunate dilemma. I am hopeful that common sense and compassion will expeditiously intercede in favorably resolving this matter – not just for me, but also for all disabled veterans who are able to effectively manage their disabilities.

This is regarding my recent “Medical-Fail” arising from my application for entry-level Transportation Security Officer (TSO) at the Portland Regional Office of the Transportation Security Administration. I now respectfully request copies of all records relevant to this process and the subject determination. These records should include, but are not limited to:

- the four-page checklist/form utilized by (b)(6) and his staff in determining my physical and mental qualifications or suitability for part time work as a TSO
- the regulation/policy or foundational document(s) upon which this four-page form is based .

If not included above, I request the medical basis for determining that degenerative disc disease and/or osteoarthritis, controlled and managed long term through daily exercise, stretching and the use of Celebrex, disqualifies the candidate for a part time/probationary opportunity to prove that he or she is in fact capable of fulfilling all job requirements. Again, my issue is with the pass/fail criteria, not CHS staff.

(b)(6)

The bottom line is that if the above-requested worksheet and its underlying regulation(s) and policies do not allow for exceptions that are well documented and can be further verified during a part-time/probationary period, how does this process and practice in fact support the hiring of veterans who have stubbornly and painfully worked their way through any of a variety of disabilities?

Please respond as expeditiously as possible since this infrequent hiring cycle is nearing its end.

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

(copies of identification attached)

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U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Freedom of Information Act Office, TSA-20
601 South 12th Street
Arlington, VA 20598-6020



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FOIA Case Number: TSA11-0191

(b)(6)

Dear (b)(6)

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated November 17, 2010, in which you requested a copy of:

1. The TSA and CHS guidance relative to medical screening including how the hiring process is structured to put the go/no go decision so exclusively into the hands of CHS (as opposed to a qualified recommendation to a higher hiring authority who could review the "entire candidate").
2. The checklist specific to this hiring cycle and specific to you, to determine the basis for the medical fail.
3. The guidance associated with the four page checklist as to pass/fail criteria and apparent absence of a "qualified pass" option.

Your request has been processed under the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, and the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552a.

A reasonable search within the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) was conducted and documents (60 pages) responsive to your request were located. These documents have been reviewed and 59 pages are being withheld in full pursuant to FOIA Exemptions (b)(2) and (b)(3). One page is being released in its entirety. A more complete explanation of these exemptions is provided below.

Exemption (b)(2)

Exemption (b)(2) exempts from mandatory disclosure records that are "related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency." We have determined that certain portions of the requested records contain personnel rules and/or internal practices of the TSA and are thus properly withheld from disclosure under this exemption.

Exemption (b)(3)

This information reveals Sensitive Security Information (SSI) and is exempt from disclosure under Exemption (b)(3), which permits the withholding of records specifically exempted from disclosure by another Federal statute. Section 114(r) of title 49, United States Code, exempts from disclosure SSI

that “would be detrimental to the security of transportation” if disclosed. The TSA regulations implementing Section 114(r) are found in 49 CFR Part 1520.

Fees

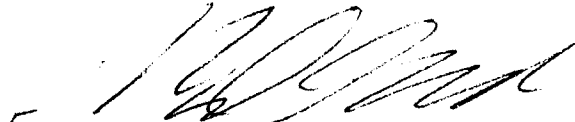
The fees incurred to process your request do not exceed the minimum threshold necessary for charge and, therefore, there are no fees associated with processing this request.

Administrative Appeal

In the event that you may wish to appeal this determination, an administrative appeal may be made in writing to Kimberly Walton, Special Counselor, Office of the Special Counselor, Transportation Security Administration, 601 South 12th Street, East Building, E7-121S, Arlington, VA 20598-6033. Your appeal **must be submitted within 60 days** from the date of this determination. It should contain your FOIA request number and state, to the extent possible, the reasons why you believe the initial determination should be reversed. In addition, the envelope in which the appeal is mailed in should be prominently marked “FOIA Appeal.” Please note that the Special Counselor’s determination of the appeal will be administratively final.

If you have any questions pertaining to your request, please feel free to contact the FOIA Office at 1-866-364-2872 or locally at 571-227-2300.

Sincerely,



For Yvonne L. Coates
Director, Freedom of Information Act Office
Office of the Special Counselor
Transportation Security Administration

Enclosure



Transportation Security Administration

AFFIRMATION/DECLARATION

This is to affirm that

I, (b)(6)

(PRINT FULL NAME)

request access to records maintained by the Transportation Security Administration which pertain to me

My present address is (b)(6)

my date of birth is: (b)(6) and

my place of birth was: (b)(6) and

my citizenship status¹ is (b)(6)

I understand that any knowingly or willfully seeking or obtaining access to records about another person under false pretenses is punishable by a fine of up to \$5,000. I also understand that any applicable fees must be paid by me.

I hereby authorize (b)(6) access to my records.
(PRINT FULL NAME)

I request that any located and disclosable records be forwarded to the following individual:

(b)(6) at the following address:
(b)(6)

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct, and that I am the person named above, and I understand that any falsification of this statement is punishable under the provisions of 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or by imprisonment of not more than five years or both, and that requesting or obtaining any record(s) under false pretenses is punishable under the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552a(i)(3) by a fine of not more than \$5,000.

Executed on 10 Dec 2010

(b)(6)

(SIGNATURE OF AFFIRMANT/DECLARANT)

Case #: TSA11-0155

¹ Individual submitting a request under the Privacy Act of 1974 must be either "a citizen of the United States or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence" pursuant to 5 U.S.C. Section 552a(a)(2). Requests will be processed as Freedom of Information Act requests pursuant to 5 U.S.C. Section 552 rather than Privacy Act requests, for individuals who are not United States citizens or aliens lawfully admitted for permanent



Transportation Security Administration

AFFIRMATION/DECLARATION

This is to affirm that

I, (b)(6) (PRINT FULL NAME)

request access to records maintained by the Transportation Security Administration which pertain to me. My present address is:

(b)(6)

my date of birth is: (b)(6), and

my place of birth was: (b)(6), and

my citizenship status is (b)(6)

I understand that any knowingly or willfully seeking or obtaining access to records about another person under false pretenses is punishable by a fine of up to \$5,000. I also understand that any applicable fees must be paid by me.

I hereby authorize Any appropriate TSA employee or contractor access to my records. (PRINT FULL NAME)

I request that any located and disclosable records be forwarded to the following individual:

(b)(6) at the following address:

(b)(6)

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct, and that I am the person named above, and I understand that any falsification of this statement is punishable under the provisions of 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or by imprisonment of not more than five years or both, and that requesting or obtaining any record(s) under false pretenses is punishable under the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552a(i)(3) by a fine of not more than \$5,000.

Executed on 10 Dec 2010

(b)(6)

(SIGNATURE OF AFFIRMANT/DECLARANT)

Case #: TSA11-0155

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT: AUTHORITY: 49 USC § 114, 5 USC 552a. PRINCIPAL PURPOSE(S): This information will be used to verify your identity for purposes of processing your request under the Privacy Act, or for records requested during litigation or enforcement action involving TSA. ROUTINE USE(S): This information may be shared pursuant to routine uses identified in the following DHS and TSA system of records, DHS/AI 001 Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act Record System, DHS/TSA 001 Transportation Security Enforcement Records System, DHS TSA 002 Transportation Security Threat Assessment System, and DHS TSA 009 General Legal Records. DISCLOSURE: Voluntary, failure to furnish the requested information may result in no action being taken on your request.

PLEASE RETURN TO: U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Transportation Security Administration, Office, TSA-20, 601 S. 12th Street, East Building, Arlington, VA 20598-6020 or Via Facsimile: 571-227-1406.

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U.S. Department of Homeland Security

601 South 12th Street
Arlington, VA 20598-6020



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FOIA Case Number: TSA11-0277A

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeal dated June 3, 2012. Your original request was assigned FOIA Case Number TSA11-0277 in which you requested a copy of the contents of the administrative processing/tracking file/folder/notes, including emails, memos, letters, correspondence, etc. associated with the ten oldest pending FOIA requests and the two oldest pending FOIA appeals at the Transportation Security Administration (TSA).

Your request was processed under the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552. TSA responded on May 24, 2012, withholding portions of 306 pages and withholding 69 pages in their entirety pursuant to Exemptions (b)(2), (b)(5), and (b)(6). You filed an administrative appeal based on the decision to withhold the names of the FOIA requesters from the documents TSA provided to you.

Based on the information you have provided, I have determined to grant your appeal. The TSA FOIA Office has reprocessed the documents responsive to your request and released the names of FOIA requesters, where appropriate. For your reference, cases TSA08-0572, TSA09-0008, TSA11-0734A, and TSA11-0191A have since been closed.

Fees

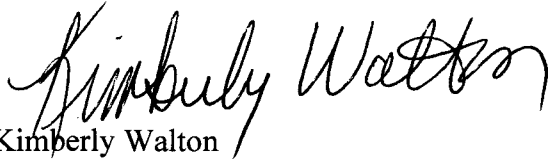
The fees incurred to process your request do not exceed the minimum threshold necessary for charge and, therefore, there are no fees associated with processing this request.

Judicial Review

This is the final decision on your appeal. Should you choose to do so, you may seek judicial review of this decision pursuant to the provisions of 5 U.S.C. §552(a)(4)(B) in the United States

District Court in the district in which you reside, or in which the agency records are situated, or in the District of Columbia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kimberly Walton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "K".

Kimberly Walton
Assistant Administrator for Civil Rights & Liberties,
Ombudsman and Traveler Engagement

Enclosure

The National Security Archive

The George Washington University
Gelman Library, Suite 701
2130 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20037

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nsarchive@gwu.edu
www.nsarchive.org

October 27, 2004

Transportation Security Administration
TSA-20, West Tower
FOIA Division
601 South 12th Street
Arlington, VA 22202-4220
Fax: 571-227-1406

TSA 05-0067
10-27-04
11-10-04

Re: Request under the FOIA, in reply please refer to Archive # 20041199TSA001

To the FOIA Division:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), I hereby request copies of the following:

The following documents referenced in Chapter 3, The 9/11 Commission Report, "Counterterrorism Evolves."

Please note, the number following each document citation in parentheses is the endnote of that document as referenced in the 9/11 Commission Report.

1. FAA report, Aviation Security Advisory Committee, "Domestic Security Baseline Final Report," Dec. 12, 1996 [50]
2. FAA report, "Civil Aviation Security: Objectives and Priorities," Mar. 18, 1996 (staff working paper) [50]
3. FAA report, "Civil Aviation Security Reference Handbook," May 1999 [50]
4. FAA report, "Air Carrier Standard Security Program," May 2001 [51, 60]
5. FAA security directive, "Threat to Air Carriers," SD 97-01, Oct. 27, 1997 [54]
6. FAA security directive, "Threat to U.S. Air Carriers," SD 95, Apr. 24, 2000 [54]
7. FAA security directive, "Threat to U.S. Aircraft Operators," SD 108-1, Aug. 21, 2001 [54]
8. FAA security directive, "Threat to Air Carriers," SD 96-05, Aug. 19, 1996 [55]
9. FAA report, "Air Carrier Standard Security Program," May 2001 [56]
10. FAA regulations, "Screening of Passengers and Property," 14 C.F.R. § 108.9 (1999) [56]
11. FAA regulations, Air Carriers Checkpoint Operations Guide, Aug. 1999 [57]
12. Air Transport Association Regional Airlines Association report, "Checkpoint Operations Guide," Aug. 1999 [57]
13. FAA report, "The Threat to U.S. Civil Aviation in the United States," Sept. 1994 [57]
14. FAA records, Intelligence Case File 98-96 [58]
15. FAA briefing materials, "FAA Hearing/Briefing Activity Prior to September 11, 2001," undated [111]

An independent non-governmental research institute and library located at the George Washington University, the Archive collects and publishes declassified documents obtained through the Freedom of Information Act. Publication royalties and tax deductible contributions through The National Security Archive Fund, Inc. underwrite the Archive's budget.

These documents fall under Executive Order 13356 signed by President George W. Bush on August 27, 2004. "Executive Order Strengthening the Sharing of Terrorism Information to Protect Americans," requires the intelligence community's "records and reports related to terrorism information to be produced with multiple versions at an unclassified level and at varying levels of classification," "creating unclassified versions for distribution wherever possible," and these versions are "to be shared free of originator controls." (This order is posted at www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2004/11/040827-4.html). As the documents sought by this FOIA request remain unequivocally classifiable as "terrorism information," the president's order requires the TSA to undertake a declassification review and prepare unclassified versions.

Furthermore, it is difficult to imagine materials that are of greater interest to the public. The materials sought by this FOIA request are central to the public debate on the events of September 11, 2001 and are essential components to an informed public discourse on terrorism policy that will serve to hold U.S. officials accountable for their actions or inactions. Such accountability and informed public debate are fundamental principles of the Freedom of Information Act.

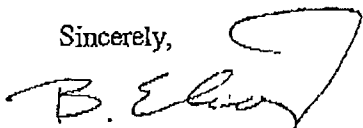
Additionally, the substance of these documents has already been released to the public by way of the 9/11 Commission Report. Without compromising sensitive information, the Commission's Report directly quotes these documents, paraphrases information from these materials and summarizes their findings. If the substance can be released, then it is certain that portions of the documents themselves can also be shared.

If you regard any of these documents as potentially exempt from the FOIA's disclosure requirements, I request that you nonetheless exercise your discretion to disclose them. As the FOIA requires, please release all reasonably segregable nonexempt portions of documents. To permit me to reach an intelligent and informed decision whether or not to file an administrative appeal of any denied material please describe any withheld records (or portions thereof) and explain the basis for your exemption claims.

The National Security Archive qualifies for waiver of search and review fees as a representative of the news media. For details on the Archive's research and publication activities, please see our Web site at the address above. Please notify me before incurring photocopying costs over \$100.

To expedite the release of the requested documents, please disclose them on an interim basis as they become available to you, without waiting until all the documents have been processed. If you have any questions regarding the identity of these records, their location, the scope of the request or any other matters, please call me at (b)(6) or e-mail (b)(6)@gwu.edu. I look forward to your response, thank you.

Sincerely,



Barbara Elias
Freedom of Information Coordinator

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) Privacy Act Division

FOIA NUMBER

Date Rec'd: 10/27/2004

TSA05-0067

Suspense: 11/10/2004

FROM: Barbara Elias
The National Security Archive

ACTION OFFICE(s): TSA-10 Stefanie Stauffer; TSA-23 (b)(6)

The attached request is to be responded to ONLY by the FOIA Office. Please return information requested to TSA-20 Rm: 11th floor, 120S, West Tower. If you require any assistance, please contact (b)(6) 571-227- (b)(6). NOTE: The law requires that the request be answered within 20 working days of receipt. Cognizant offices are expected to respond by the suspense date.

Conduct a search for records, *including e-mail records*, responsive to the attached request and forward a legible copy (not the original) of all responsive records found to this office for further processing. If no records exist, a written negative report is required.

Identify any information in the responsive records you found during your search that you believe should be withheld, and explain why you believe its release would be harmful.

Estimate the direct search costs that you believe would be incurred in determining whether records responsive to the attached request are in your files. Do not initiate a search unless further advised by this office.

COMMENTS:

- See attached -

Indicate where you searched and what type of file the responsive documents were found in i.e., on desk, emails, filed by name, filed by SSN, in a general file. You may have responsive documents coming from multiple categories, please indicate for each document.

SEARCH TIME (Hrs)	ACTION OFFICE		ATTORNEY	
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DATE SEARCH BEGAN _____

This is to certify that all program files pertaining to the FOIA request have been searched and copies of all documents located have been furnished to the FOIA Office.

(b)(6)

SIGNATURE OF INDIVIDUAL CERTIFYING ABOVE

11/10/04
DATE SIGNED

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Transportation
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Date: November 30, 2004
Subject: FOIA Review: TSA05-0067
From: Acting Director, AvOps Litigation Support and Special Activities
To: Catrina Pavlik, Associate Director, FOIA/PA Division
~~Through: Kay Payne, Director, AvOps Correspondence Office~~

There were two documents included in the referenced request from your office for Sensitive Security Review, viz.:

FAA Report, "Air Carrier Standard Security Program," May 2001 (submitted in response to bullets #4 and #9 of the request), and

FAA Report, "Aviation Security Advisory Committee, Domestic Security Baseline Final Report," Dec. 12, 1996 (submitted in response to bullet #1 of the request).

The first of the two (for bullets #4 and #9) has been reviewed for Sensitive Security Information under FOIA Exemption 3. The entire document is SSI, and it should be withheld.

With respect to the second document (for bullet #1), this office reviewed the copy submitted to us and, after comparing it to an original in our files, determined that it was not responsive. However, our office is in possession of a bound copy of the document. It is responsive to the request. An adequate SSI review of that document will take additional time. As an interim response, we are returning your file folder with both the reviewed document and the un-reviewed document for appropriate disposition. Although your file is returned, we consider your request open still, pending the completion of the additional review.

If, during your review or that of the Office of Chief Counsel, any questions arise regarding the recommendations made by this office, please feel free to contact me on extension 7 [REDACTED].

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

Attachments: TSA05-0067-S1



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Date: December 7, 2004
Subject: FOIA: TSA05-0067, Records Production Request
From: Acting Director, AvOps Litigation Support and Special Activities
To: Catrina Pavlik, Associate Director, FOIA/PA Division

A search of the records of this office has produced the following record that appears to be responsive to the request (Our description attempts to match the exact wording of the request):

FOIA Item #	Description	TSA-7 Internal Tracking No.	Format (hard- or soft-copy)
2	FAA Report, "Civil Aviation Security: Objectives and Priorities," Mar. 18, 1999 (staff working paper) [50]	8152 - P	Hard copy

Two copies of this record are attached. Please proceed with your SSI review of the record.

We have completed our search for records responsive to this request, so you should consider this the final production response. Thank you for the assistance your office provided by copying the voluminous records produced in our search. With respect to the requestor's item (bullet) number ten, "FAA regulations, 'Screening of Passengers and Property,' 14 C.F.R. Sect. 108.9 (1999) [56]," that document can be obtained from the website of the Federal Register. In addition, with respect to Item 13, "FAA Report, 'The Threat to U.S. Civil Aviation in the United States, Sept. 1994' [57]" and Item 14, "FAA Records, Intelligence Case File 98-96 [58]," we believe that the Transportation Security Intelligence Service is the proper office to respond to the request for production. If any questions arise regarding the records produced by this office, please feel free to contact me on extension 7 (b)(2), (b)(6)

Sincerely

(b)(6)

Attachment: See Above



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Date: December 21, 2004

Subject: FOIA TSA05-0067, SSI Review Request

From: Acting Director, AvOps Litigation Support and Special Activities

To: Catrina Pavlik, Associate Director, FOIA/PA Division

As per our memorandum of December 1, 2004, a search of the files of this office produced the following records that appeared to be responsive to the request (Our description attempts to match the exact wording of the request):

FOIA Item #	Description	TSA-7 Internal Tracking No.	Format
5	FAA security directive, "Threat to Air Carriers," SD 97-01, Oct. 27, 1997 [54]	8062	Hard
6	FAA security directive, "Threat to U.S. Air Carriers," SD 95, Apr. 24, 2000 [54]	8062	Hard
7	FAA security directive, "Threat to U.S. Aircraft Operators," SD 108-1, Aug. 28, 2001 [54]	8062	Hard
8	FAA security directive, "Threat to Air Carriers," SD 96-05, Aug. 19, 1996 [55]	8066	Hard

Copies of these records were attached to the December 1st memorandum. We have completed our SSI review of these records, using copies that we retained for that purpose. We are transmitting the redacted copies as attachments to this memorandum. In the production phase, Items 5, 6 and 7 were provided in soft copy (compact disc). For clarity in the review phase, we are forwarding redacted hard copies.

Our shorthand for redaction citations, as you know, is to note the paragraph within 49 CFR 1520.5(b). Thus, for example: (6)(i) means Exemption 3 – 49 CFR 1520.5(b)(6)(i). The term "RE" is shorthand for "release," meaning to "ignore any previous redactions because this information is not SSI and Exemption 3 does not apply"; the term "WIF" is shorthand for

“withhold this entire page [or document] in full”; “RIF” means “this entire page [or document] is not SSI and Exemption 3 does not apply.”

We are continuing to examine other records responsive to this request for SSI content, so you should consider this an interim response. If any questions arise regarding the records produced by this office, please feel free to contact me on extension 7-^{(b)(2); (b)(6)}

Sincerely,

John
(b)(6)

Attachments



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Date: December 21, 2004
Subject: FOIA TSA05-0067, SSI Review Request
From: Acting Director, AvOps Litigation Support and Special Activities
To: Catrina Pavlik, Associate Director, FOIA/PA Division

As per our memorandum of December 1, 2004, a search of the files of this office produced the following record that appeared to be responsive to the request (Our description attempts to match the exact wording of the request):

FOIA Item #	Description	TSA-7 Internal Tracking No.	Format
15	FAA briefing materials, "FAA Hearing/Briefing Activity Prior to September 1, 2001," undated [111]	8070-6	Hard

A copy of this record was attached to the December 1st memorandum. We have completed our SSI review of this record, using a copy that we retained for that purpose. We are transmitting the redacted copy as an attachment to this memorandum.

Our shorthand for redaction citations, as you know, is to note the paragraph within 49 CFR 1520.5(b). Thus, for example: (6)(i) means Exemption 3 – 49 CFR 1520.5(b)(6)(i). The term "RE" is shorthand for "release," meaning to "ignore any previous redactions because this information is not SSI and Exemption 3 does not apply"; the term "WIF" is shorthand for

“withhold this entire page [or document] in full”; “RIF” means “this entire page [or document] is not SSI and Exemption 3 does not apply.”

Item No. 15 contained no SSI, and accordingly was marked “RIF.”

We are continuing to examine other records responsive to this request for SSI content, so you should consider this an interim response. If any questions arise regarding the records produced by this office, please feel free to contact me on extension 7 (b)(2), (b)(6)

Sincerely,

 (b)(6)

Attachments



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Date: December 22, 2004
Subject: FOIA: TSA05-0067, Records Production Request
From: Acting Director, AvOps Litigation Support and Special Activities
To: Catrina Pavlik, Associate Director, FOIA/PA Division

A search of the files of this office has not able to produce the following records:

FOIA Item #	Description	TSA-7 Internal Tracking No.	Format (hard- or soft-copy)	Page Size
1	13	"FAA Report, "The Threat to Civil Aviation in the United States," Sept. 1994 3 [57]		Could not find this document.
2	14	Intelligence Case File 98-96 3 [58]		Could not find this document.

Of the total of 15 records requested in this FOIA, to date we have provided 11 records (under separate covers) and we cannot find the two described in the table above. As for the others, one (Item No.10) is a public document and the other (Item No. 1) may have other classification issues which this office is resolving prior to production.

If any questions arise regarding these records that could not be located, please feel free to contact me on extension 7-(b)(2), (b)(6)

Sincerely,

for
(b)(6)

Attachment: (none)



Transportation
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Date: December 30, 2004
Subject: FOIA TSA05-0067, SSI Review Request
From: Acting Director, AvOps Litigation Support and Special Activities
To: Catrina Pavlik, Associate Director, FOIA/PA Division

As per our memorandum of December 1, 2004, a search of the files of this office produced the following records that appeared to be responsive to the request (our description attempts to match the exact wording of the request). As stated in that memorandum, requestor's items No. 11 and No. 12 were for the same record.

FOIA Item #	Description	TSA-7 Internal Tracking No.	Format
11	FAA Regulations, Air Carriers Checkpoint Operations Guide, Aug. 1999 3 [57]	8092	Hard
12	Air Transport Association Regional Airlines Association Report. "Checkpoint Operations Guide," Aug. 1999 3 [57]	8092	Hard

A copy of this record was attached to the December 1st memorandum. We have completed our SSI review of this record, using a copy that we retained for that purpose. We are transmitting the redacted copy as an attachment to this memorandum.

Various portions of the instant record were redacted under (1)(i), (4)(i), (5), (8)(i), (9)(i), and/or (9)(vi).

We are continuing to examine other records responsive to this request for SSI content, so you should consider this an interim response. If any questions arise regarding the records produced by this office, please feel free to contact me on extension 7-(b)(2) (b)(6)

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

Attachment: TN 8092



Transportation
Security
Administration

Date: December 16, 2005

Subject: FOIA: TSA05-0067 S9 (partial)

From: Director, SSI Program Office
Office of the Chief of Staff

To: Catrina Pavlik, Associate Director, FOIA/PA Division
Transportation Security Administration

Per your request, the attached file has been reviewed for Sensitive Security Information (SSI). The information identified as SSI reveals performance specifications, security inspection or investigative information, security measures, and security screening information. Therefore, the information in the file should be withheld under FOIA Exemption 3 – 49 CFR 1520.5(b)(4i), (6ii), (8i) and (9i). Please note that additional FOIA exemptions might apply to other portions of the documents.

Our shorthand for redaction citations, as you know, is to note the paragraph within 49 CFR 1520.5(b). Thus, for example: (6i) means Exemption 3 – 49 CFR 1520.5(b)(6i). The term “RLS” is shorthand for release, meaning to “ignore any previous SSI redactions because this information is not SSI and Exemption 3 does not apply”; the term “WIF” is shorthand for “withhold this entire page [or document] in full”; “RIF” means “this entire page [or document] is not SSI and Exemption 3 does not apply.”

If, during your review or that of the Office of Chief Counsel, any questions arise regarding the recommendations made by this office, please feel free to contact me on extension 7 (b)(2), (b)(6)

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

Attachments: TSA05-0067 S9 (partial)



Transportation
Security
Administration

Date: May 12, 2006

Subject: FOIA: TSA05-0067 S9

From: Director, SSI Office
Office of the Special Counselor

To: Catrina Pavlik, Associate Director, FOIA/PA Division
Transportation Security Administration

Per your request, the attached files have been reviewed for Sensitive Security Information (SSI). The information identified as SSI reveals security programs and contingency plans, security directives, performance specifications, vulnerability assessments, security inspection or investigative information, threat information, security measures, and security screening information. Therefore, the information in the file should be withheld under FOIA Exemption 3 – 49 CFR 1520.5(b)(1)(i), (2)(i), (4)(i), (5), (6)(ii), (7), (8)(i), (8)(ii), (9)(i) and (9)(v). Please note that additional FOIA exemptions might apply to other portions of the documents.

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If, during your review or that of the Office of Chief Counsel, any questions arise regarding the recommendations made by this office, please feel free to contact us on extension 7-3513.

(b)(6)
FOIA

Andrew Colsky

Attachments: TSA05-0067 S9

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT
REVIEW/REDACTION OF RESPONSIVE
SSI DOCUMENTS**

MANDATORY CONCURRENCE REQUIRED

FOIA NUMBER TSA05-0067 59

Expected Due Date:

CONCURRING FOR THE RELEASE/WITHHOLDING OF THESE DOCUMENTS DENOTES THAT THE SIGNED INDIVIDUAL LISTED BELOW HAS REVIEWED THIS DOCUMENT(S)/MADE REDACTIONS (IF NECESSARY) AND HAS DETERMINED THAT THE DOCUMENTS(S) ARE RELEASABLE/WITHHOLDABLE AS INDICATED, AND THAT ALL SENSITIVE SECURITY INFORMATION HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AND REDACTED

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DATE OF CONCURRENCE 1/23/2006
ROUTING SYMBOL TSA-1 (Office of Special Counselor)
PHONE EXTENSION 7- 2277

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Total Review Time: 28

SSI Review Request In-Take Form - FOIA

This form should only be completed and submitted by a member of
TSA's FOIA Office

Please complete the top portion of this form and email it to SSI@dhs.gov.
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For guidance regarding sending SSI, see SSI Policy document titled "[future]" (#)

1. TSA FOIA OFFICE COORDINATOR'S INFORMATION			
(a) Name	(b)(6)	(b) Phone ext.	7- (b)(2), (b)(6)
(c) Backup's Name	(b)(6)	(d) Phone ext	7- (b)(6)
2. DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENT			
(a) FOIA Number:	TSA05-67		
(b) Originating Program Office	AVOPs Litigation Support and Special Activities		
(c) Total Page Count (not including request)	775		
3. REQUEST DETAILS			
(a) Name of FOIA Requestor	Barbara Elias		
(b) Appeal?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
(c) Date Submitted:	10/3/2008	NOTE: Standard response time is 5 business days (starting 1 st business day after delivery)	
(d) List of any related FOIAs	NONE		
(e) Special Instructions or comments (i.e. note any gaps in page numbers, etc.)	These documents were reviewed in 2004. Because so much time has elapsed since the initial review; Kevin Janet, FOIA Officer and (b)(6) OCC, requested that the SSI office review these documents again.		
4. REVIEW DETAILS			
(a) I, as FOIA Coordinator, have clearly marked all recognized SSI			
Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/> Reason for no initial review:
(b) Citations for SSI Found (Enter "none" if seeking confirmation)	many.		

Submit the documents for review only to the SSI Program Office's **Coordinator** or the appointed backup.

Please submit this form in the same format as the accompanying FOIA. (If FOIA is hard-copy, submit the intake form hard-copy.)

**NEVER LEAVE A FOIA CONTAINING SSI IN AN
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Transportation
Security
Administration

September 16, 2010

MEMORANDUM FOR: Ms. JoAnn Noonan, FOIA Coordinator
Federal Aviation Administration

FROM: Howard Plofker, Acting FOIA Officer
Transportation Security Administration

SUBJECT: TSA05-0067 Consultation

Attached is a FOIA request dated October 27, 2004, submitted to the TSA FOIA Office by the National Security Archive. The requester is seeking a copy of documents referenced in the 9/11 Commission Report, "Counterterrorism Evolves."

While processing this FOIA request, we identified records which contain information that may be of interest to your agency. Please review the documents on the attached CD-ROM and, if appropriate, return the documents to us, making any necessary deletions and citing any exemptions claimed. Also, if appropriate, please enclose a copy of your agency appeal procedures. The TSA FOIA Office will respond directly to the requester, giving the requester your agency appeal rights for your agency's withholding determinations.

Please note that on or about March 18, 2010, (b)(6) of my staff contacted (b)(6) (b)(6) of the FAA FOIA Office regarding these records, copies of which were previously provided to (b)(6) of the FAA FOIA Office. Email and telephonic communications between Kevin Janet, the previous TSA FOIA Officer and (b)(6) of the FAA FOIA Office took place during late 2009.

Due to the statutory time constraint and the age of this request, please return your response to this consultation to our office by COB September 24, 2010. If we do not hear back from FAA by that time, we will assume you have no objections to release as redacted. Please direct any questions to me at 571-227-(b)(2), (b)(6)

Attachments: FOIA Request
CD-ROM containing Sensitive Security Information



**Transportation
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NOV 12 2004

Ms. Barbara Elias
The George Washington University
Gelman Library, Suite 701
2130 H Street, NW
Washington, DC 20037

FOIA Case Number: TSA05-0067

Dear Ms. Elias:

This is an interim response to your request dated October 27, 2004, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 5 United States Code (U.S.C.), Section 552. You requested the following information:

1. FAA report, "Aviation Security Advisory Committee, "Domestic Security Baseline Final Report," Dec. 12, 1996 [50];
2. FAA report, "Civil Aviation Security: Objectives and Priorities," Mar. 18, 1999 (staff working paper) [50];
3. FAA report, "Civil Aviation Security Reference Handbook, "May 1999 [50];
4. FAA report, "Air Carrier Standard Security Program," May 2001 [51, 60];
5. FAA security directive, "Threat to Air Carriers, "SD 97-01, Oct. 27, 1997 [54];
6. FAA security directive, "Threat to U.S. Air Carriers, "SD 95, Apr. 24 2000 [54];
7. FAA security directive, "Threat to U.S. Aircraft Operators," SD 108-1, August 28, 2001 [54];
8. FAA security directive, "Threat to Air Carriers, "SD 96-05, Aug. 19, 1996 [55];
9. FAA report, "Air Carrier Standard Security Program," May 2001 [56];
10. FAA regulations, "Screening of Passengers and Property," 14 C.F.R. § 108.9 (1999) [56];
11. FAA regulations, Air Carriers Checkpoint Operations Guide, Aug. 1999 [57];
12. Air Transport Association Regional Airlines Association report, "Checkpoint Operations Guide," Aug. 1999 [57];
13. FAA report, "The Threat to U.S. Civil Aviation in the United States," Sept. 1994 [57];
14. FAA records, Intelligence Case File 98-96 [58];
15. FAA briefing material, "FAA Hearing/Briefing Activity Prior to September 1, 2001," undated [11].

In response to items #5 through #8, we conducted a search within the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and documents (30) pages were located in response to your request. We are withholding all of these pages in their entirety pursuant to Exemption 3 of the FOIA. A more detailed explanation is outlined below.

Exemption 3 permits the withholding of records specifically exempted from disclosure by another Federal statute. Section 114(s) of Title 49, U.S.C., exempts from disclosure under FOIA information that "would be detrimental to the security of transportation" if disclosed. The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) regulations implementing Section 114(s) are found in 49 CFR Part 1520.

Section 1520.5(b)(2)(i) exempts from disclosure any Security Directives or order issued by TSA under § 1542.303, § 1544/305, or other authority.

In response to item #10, we located one (1) document in response to your request. This document has been reviewed and is being released to you in its entirety.

In response to the remaining portions of your request, items #1 through #4, #9 and #11 through #15, we are continuing our search for responsive documents and once our search is complete, we will respond to you accordingly.

The undersigned is the person responsible for this determination. Appeal to this determination may be made in writing to Douglas Callen, Director, Office of Security, Transportation Security Administration, TSA Headquarters, West Tower, 11th Floor, TSA-20, 601 South 12th Street, Arlington, VA 22202-4220. Your appeal must be submitted within 60 days from the date of this determination. It should contain your FOIA request number and state, to the extent possible, the reasons why you believe the initial determination should be reversed. In addition, the envelope in which the appeal is mailed should be prominently marked "FOIA Appeal." The Director's determination will be administratively final.

If you have any questions pertaining to your request, please feel free to contact the FOIA Office at 1-866-364-2872.

Sincerely,



Catrina Pavlik
Associate Director
Freedom of Information Act
And Privacy Act Division

Enclosure

(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA> [Kevin.Janet@dhs.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2009 10:48 AM
To: Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6)
Subject: Re: FOIA 05-0067

(b)(6) I am out today. Talk to (b)(6). She has scanned the request and is in process of putting it on cd for faa.

From: Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>
To: Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>
Sent: Tue Sep 08 09:26:15 2009
Subject: FOIA 05-0067

(b)(6)

Do you need this back to put on CD to give FAA? Do you need me to deliver it this week to the FAA?

Robert S. Johnson, Jr.
Assistant Chief Counsel for Information Law
Transportation Security Administration
(571) 227-^{(b)(2), (b)(6)}

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(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2009 10:42 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Cc: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>; (b)(6)
Subject: FW: Status of TSA05-0067 & TSA05-0072

fyi

From: Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2009 10:41 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; Newhouse, Victoria <TSA OCC>
Cc: Walton, Kimberly; Kerner, Francine; Pietra, Peter
Subject: Status of TSA05-0067 & TSA05-0072

(b)(5)

(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Sent: Tuesday, August 02, 2011 7:50 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Cc: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>; (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>
Subject: RE: TSA05-0067

(b)(5)

Yvonne L. Coates

Director, Freedom of Information Act Office
Office of the Special Counselor
Transportation Security Administration
(571) 227-^{(b)(2), (b)(6)}

From: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Sent: Monday, August 01, 2011 5:12 PM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>; Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>
Cc: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: RE: TSA05-0067

I asked you last week if you had the file.

(b)(6)
Office of Chief Counsel
Transportation Security Administration
571-227-
(b)(2), (b)(6) (BB)

From: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Sent: Monday, August 01, 2011 3:54 PM
To: Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>; (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>
Cc: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: RE: TSA05-0067

(b)(5)

From: Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Sent: Monday, August 01, 2011 3:53 PM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Cc: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

Subject: RE: TSA05-0067
Importance: High

(b)(5)

Yvonne L. Coates

Director, Freedom of Information Act Office
Office of the Special Counselor
Transportation Security Administration
(571) 227-(b)(2), (b)(6)

From: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Sent: Tuesday, July 26, 2011 9:38 AM
To: Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>; Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Cc: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: RE: TSA05-0067

Bob & (b)(6), do either of you have this file?

(b)(6)
Office of Chief Counsel
Transportation Security Administration
571-227-(b)(6)
(b)(2), (b)(6) (BB)

From: Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Sent: Tuesday, July 26, 2011 7:23 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Cc: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: RE: TSA05-0067

(b)(6)
It was determined (b)(5)

(b)(5)

(b)(5)

Any thoughts?

Yvonne L. Coates

Director, Freedom of Information Act Office
Office of the Special Counselor
Transportation Security Administration
(571) 227-^{(b)(2)} (b)(6)

From: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Sent: Monday, July 25, 2011 9:03 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Cc: Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Subject: RE: TSA05-0067

Thanks (b)(6)

From: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Sent: Friday, July 22, 2011 2:01 PM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: RE: TSA05-0067

The latest I have is from (b)(6). Based on our meeting with FOIA Officer on 2/23/11, it was determined (b)(5)
(b)(5)

(b)(6)
Office of Chief Counsel
Transportation Security Administration
571-227-^{(b)(2)} (b)(6)
(b)(2), (b)(6)(BB)

From: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2011 11:15 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Subject: TSA05-0067

Hi (b)(6)

When you get a moment, would you please check to see if you have 05-0067 in OCC? The database note reads as follows: "9/28/10 - No response from FAA. To OCC (b)(6). However, there's no indication in Filemaker Pro that the file was returned from OCC. Please advise.

Thanks.

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

Freedom of Information Act Office
Transportation Security Administration
601 South 12th Street
Arlington, VA 20598-6020

Office: 571.227-(b)(2) (b)(6)
Fax: 571-227-1406

(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2011 1:39 PM
To: Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>; (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: RE: 05 cases #4

(b)(6) any thoughts on this? Has OCC even given 0067 back to you?

(b)(6)
Freedom of Information Act Office
Transportation Security Administration
(571) 227-^{(b)(2) (b)(6)}

-----Original Message-----

From: Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2011 8:19 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: Re: 05 cases

(b)(5)

Any thoughts?

I want us to be proactive on this which show us staying on top of things and not waiting for someone to come to us...puts us in a good light.

----- Original Message -----

From: (b)(6)
To: Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>; (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Sent: Tue Sep 20 01:47:10 2011
Subject: RE: 05 cases

Bob and I went to FAA this past Friday and met with some of their FOIA people to discuss 0067.

(b)(5)

We're going to try to go back sometime this week to discuss 0072. (b)(5)

(b)(5)

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>

Sent: Mon 9/19/2011 7:36 PM

To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

Cc: (b)(6)

Subject: 05 cases

Status?

(b)(5)

(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2011 1:57 PM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: Re: 05 cases #5

Ok.

(b)(6) is saying we have more work to do..like what? As far as I am concerned, we did our part...

----- Original Message -----

From: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
To: Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Sent: Tue Sep 20 09:23:16 2011
Subject: RE: 05 cases

(b)(5)

-----Original Message-----

From: Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2011 8:19 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: Re: 05 cases

(b)(5)

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Sent: Tue Sep 20 01:47:10 2011
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(b)(5)

-----Original Message-----

From: Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>

Sent: Mon 9/19/2011 7:36 PM

To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

Cc: (b)(6)

Subject: 05 cases

Status?

(b)(5)

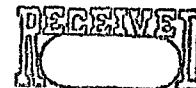
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November 1, 2004

Transportation Security Administration
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Fax: 571-227-1406



Re: Request under the FOIA, in reply please refer to Archive # 20041240TSA002

To the FOIA Division:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), I hereby request copies of the following:

The following 48 documents referenced in Chapter 1, The 9/11 Commission Report, "We Have Some Planes."

[Please note, the number following each document citation in parentheses is the endnote of that document as referenced in the 9/11 Commission Report. Also note that I will accept transcripts of the audio files and electronic copies of all documents including the audio files. Thank you.]

1. Air Traffic Control Recording-American Airlines Flight 11, Dec. 21, 2001 [32]
2. FAA audio file, Boston Center, position 31R [120]
3. FAA audio file, Boston Center, position 46R, 8:24:38 and 8:24:56 [65]
4. FAA audio file, Cleveland Center, Lorain Radar position [78, 164]
5. FAA Audio File, Herndon Command Center, Boston Center position, line 511, 9:05-9:07 [132, 133]
6. FAA audio file, Herndon Command Center, line 4525, 8:32-8:33 [111]
7. FAA audio file, Herndon Command Center, line 5114, 9:07:13 [67]
8. FAA audio file, Herndon Command Center, National Operations Manager position, line 4525 [141]
9. FAA audio file, Herndon Command Center, National Traffic Management Officer east position, line 4530 [141]
10. FAA audio file, Herndon Command Center, New York Center position, line 5. 14, 8:48 [124]
11. FAA audio file, Herndon Command Center, New York Center position, line 5. 14, 9:02:34 [131]
12. FAA audio file, Herndon Command Center, New York Center position, line 5. 54 [161]
13. FAA audio file, Herndon Command Center, position 15, 9:19 [67]
14. FAA audio file, New York Center, position R42, 8:42-8:45 [123]
15. FAA audio files, Boston Center, position 31R [120]
16. FAA briefing materials, "Assessment and Testing Data for BOS, EWR, and IAD," Oct. 24, 2001 [1, 6, 13, 19]
17. FAA email, (b)(6) "ZJX Timeline for N47BA accident," Feb. 17, 2004 [121]

18. FAA memo, "Full Transcript; Aircraft Accident; N591UA (UAL93); Somerset, PA; September 11, 2001," May 10, 2002 [157]
19. FAA memo, "Full Transcript; Aircraft Accident; UAL175; New York, NY; September 11, 2001," May 8, 2002 [125, 126]
20. FAA memo, "Full Transcription; Air Traffic Control System Command Center, National Traffic Management Officer, East Position; September 11, 2001," Oct. 21, 2001 [145]
21. FAA memo, "Partial Transcript; Aircraft Accident; AAL77; Washington, DC September 11, 2001," Sept. 20, 2001 [147]
22. FAA memo, "Full Transcript; Command Center; NOM Operational Position; September 11, 2001," Oct. 14, 2003 [128]
23. FAA memo, "Full Transcript; Aircraft Accident; AAL11; New York, NY; September 11, 2001," Feb. 15, 2002 [113]
24. FAA memo, "Full Transcript; Aircraft Accident; AAL11; New York, NY; September 11, 2001," Jan. 28, 2002 [114]
25. FAA memo, "Full Transcript; Aircraft Accident; AAL11; New York, NY; September 11, 2001," Apr. 19, 2002 [114]
26. FAA memo, "Full Transcription; Air Traffic Control System Command Center, National Traffic Management Officer, East Position; September 11, 2001," Oct. 21, 2001 [141]
27. FAA memo, "Partial Transcript; Scramble Aircraft; QUIT25; September 11, 2001," Sept. 4, 2003 (Peninsular Radar position) [153]
28. FAA memo, "Partial Transcript; Scramble Aircraft; QUIT25; September 11, 2001," Sept. 4, 2003 (East Feeder Radar position). [153]
29. FAA memo, "Transcription of 9/11 Tapes," Oct. 2, 2003 [112]
30. FAA record of interview (b)(6), Sept. 23, 2001 [2]
31. FAA record, Chronology ADA-30, Sept. 11, 2001 (FAA representatives joining at 9:40) [189]
32. FAA record, New England Region Daily Log, Sept. 11, 2001 [112]
33. FAA record, Personnel Statement of (b)(6), Oct. 30, 2001 [117]
34. FAA record, Personnel Statement of (b)(6), Oct. 17, 2001 [127]
35. FAA recording, Boston Air Route Traffic Control Center, position 46R, at 8:24 A.M. [32]
36. FAA recording, Indianapolis Air Traffic Control Center, position HNN R, Sept. 11, 2001 [53]
37. FAA report, "Administrator's Fact Book," July 2001 [92]
38. FAA report, "Aeronautical Information Manual," Feb. 19, 2004 [94]
39. FAA report, "American Airlines Flight #77: Hijacking and Crash into the Pentagon, Sept. 11, 2001," undated [16]
40. FAA report, "Selectee List AALA #77," undated [12]
41. FAA report, "Chronology of the September 11 Attacks and Subsequent Events Through October 24, 2001," undated [62]
42. FAA report, "Civil Aviation Security Reference Handbook," May 1999 [1]
43. FAA report, "Executive Summary, Chronology of a Multiple Hijacking Crisis, September 11, 2001," Sept. 17, 2001 [40, 41]
44. FAA report, "Executive Summary," Sept. 12, 2001 [40, 41]
45. FAA report, "Report of Aircraft Accident," Nov. 13, 2001 [59]
46. FAA report, "Summary of Air Traffic Hijack Events: September 11, 2001," Sept. 17, 2001 [44]
47. FAA report, "United Airlines Flight 93, September 11, 2001, Executive Report," Jan. 30, 2002 [19]
48. FAA report, "Crisis Management Handbook for Significant Events," Feb. 15, 2000 [101]

These documents fall under Executive Order 13356 signed by President George W. Bush on August 27, 2004. "Executive Order Strengthening the Sharing of Terrorism Information to Protect Americans," requires the intelligence community's "records and reports related to terrorism information to be produced with multiple versions at an unclassified level and at varying levels of classification," "creating unclassified versions for distribution wherever possible," and these versions are "to be shared free of originator controls." (This order is posted at www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2004/08/20040827-4.html). As the documents sought by this FOIA request remain unequivocally classifiable as "terrorism information," the president's order requires the CIA to undertake a declassification review and prepare unclassified versions.

Furthermore, it is difficult to imagine materials that are of greater interest to the public. The materials sought by this FOIA request are central to the public debate on the events of September 11, 2001 and are essential components to an informed public discourse on terrorism policy that will serve to hold U.S. officials accountable for their actions or inactions. Such accountability and informed public debate are fundamental principles of the Freedom of Information Act.

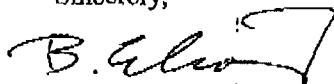
Additionally, the substance of these documents has already been released to the public by way of the 9/11 Commission Report. Without compromising sensitive information, the Commission's Report directly quotes these documents, paraphrases information from these materials and summarizes the findings. If the substance can be released, then it is certain that portions of the documents themselves can also be shared.

If you regard any of these documents as potentially exempt from the FOIA's disclosure requirements, I request that you nonetheless exercise your discretion to disclose them. As the FOIA requires, please release all reasonably segregable nonexempt portions of documents. To permit me to reach an intelligent and informed decision whether or not to file an administrative appeal of any denied materials, please describe any withheld records (or portions thereof) and explain the basis for your exemption claims.

The National Security Archive qualifies for waiver of search and review fees as a representative of the news media. For details on the Archive's research and publication activities, please see our Web site at the address above. Please notify me before incurring photocopying costs over \$100.

If you have any questions regarding the identity of these records, their location, the scope of the request or any other matters, please call me at (b)(6) or e-mail (b)(6)@gwu.edu. I look forward to your response, thank you.

Sincerely,



Barbara Elias
Freedom of Information Coordinator

(b)(5)

11/1/2004

11/10/2004

Log Number: Log Id: Request Date:

TSA05-0072 (b)(6) 11/1/2004

Rec'd in FOIA: Recv'd Via: Request Type:

11/1/2004 Fax A Administrative

Process Type: Responsible Office/Code:

Simple TSA-10 Stefanie Stauffer; TSA-23 (b)(6)

Originator:

First Name: Last Name:

Barbara Elias

Company: High Profile

The National Security Archive

Address:

2130 H Street N.W.

Washington DC 20037

Document Requested:

FAA SD's and IC's

Notes/Status:

11/10/04 - Tasked to TSA-7.

Fee Category: Suspense: New Suspense:

Commercial 11/15/2004 11/24/04

Processor: Date to Code: Date From Code:

Pending 11/1/2004

Date to Legal: Days Date From Legal: Pending:

Waiting for

Where: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 FSD FAM RIF SN

Disposition of Requests: Exemption 552b:

1 2 3 4 5 6

Other Reasons for Nondisclosure: 7 a b c d e f

Exemption 3 Statute: Edit

Interim Response:

Privacy Act:

Action Closed: Exemptions: d5 k2 k6

j2 k5

Actual Time (Days): Appeal: Appeal to Counsel:

Still open Today is 3

Total Amount Due: Appeal Closed:

0.00

Date Money Rec'd: Appeal Exemption/Notes:

FOIA REVIEW REQUEST

Who Logged: (b)(6) When Logged: 11/17/2004-10:43 AM
 Who last updated: (b)(6) When Updated: 11/19/2004-9:18 AM
 Existing Requests: _____

Main Menu: Add New Request, Full Report, Logging Prod Reviews, Print this Screen

DOCUMENT/TRACKING DETAIL:

* FOIA Number: TSA05-0072
 TSA7's FOIA Subnumber: _____
 Brief Summary of FOIA Request: Request for docs cited in the endnotes to the 9-11 Commission Report. This FOIA is for 48 docs/items referenced in Ch. 1 of the 9/11 Report.
 Production Request?
 Soft Copy

REQUEST DETAIL:

* FOIA Requested by: Elias, Barbara, FOI Coordinator, GWU, The National Security Archive
 Points of Contact (POC):
 FOIA Office: (b)(6)
 TSA-7 (Lead): (b)(6)
 Office of Chief Counsel (OCC): _____
 * Date Received: 11/15/2004
 Goal Deadline: 11/23/2004
 * Reply Deadline: 11/29/2004
 Page Size: 882

REVIEW DETAIL:

* Who Has Record? * Released * Last Updated by: (b)(6) 6/21/2005 11:43:30 AM
 General Review Comments: _____

Date	19 Hours	Reviewer	Partial Rev?	Internal Review Comments (Internal)	1 Completed
12/18/2004	1	(b)(6)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday. DG's time for overall seaches, per his email on this date.	<input type="checkbox"/> X
12/7/2004	4	(b)(6)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hours are cumulative over the whole effort at production	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X
12/21/2004	7	(b)(6)	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> X
12/22/2004	4	(b)(6)	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> X
12/17/2004	2	(b)(6)	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> X
12/22/2004	1	(b)(6)	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> X

Total Number of Reviews: 1

Includes gathering audio files, which could not be found.

Related Documents/Records

TN	Reference	Comments	Search a TN
9037p	Provided	Item #1	
9075-1	Provided	Item #16	
9075-2	Provided	Item #16	
1027-9p	Provided	Item #18	
1026-9p	Provided	Item #19	
1024-9p	Provided	Item #21	
1025-9-p	Provided	Item #23 - #25	
9004	Provided	Item #31	

SSI was found?
 Summary of Redacted Text: _____
 SSI Citations (reasons): _____

9005	Provided	Item #32
1026p	Provided	Item #34
1025p	Provided	Item #35
1024p	Provided	Item #36
2007	Provided	Item #39
9013	Provided	Item #41
9083	Provided	Item #43
9228-1	Provided	Item #44
1024p	Provided	Item #45
1025p	Provided	Item #45
9037	Provided	Item #46
4004	Provided	Item #47
5416-2	Related & Referenced	Tracking spreadsheet for production and review
TSA05-0067	Related & Referenced	Add'l 9/11 FOIA by same requestor
TSA05-0084	Related & Referenced	Add'l 9/11 FOIA by same requestor
TSA05-0098	Related & Referenced	Add'l 9/11 FOIA by same requestor
5263-1	Related & Referenced	Spreadsheet detailing production and reviews of

Approved at TSA-7 by:

(b)(6)

TSA7 Approval Date 12/23/2004 (mm/dd/yy)

RELEASE DETAIL:

Level of Effort 882

Reply Date 12/23/2004 (mm/dd/yy)

Release Comments

Production release memos issued 12/20, 12/21, and 12/23/04. As of 1/5/05, we did not find/produce items: #2-15, 17, 20, 22, 26 - 30, 33, 37, 38, 40, 42, and 48.

Count in FOIA tally

Piece Fulfillment Fulfilled

DB ID 285
FOIA # TSA05-0072
Sub #

TRACKING DETAIL

FOIA Requestor Elias, Barbara, FOI Coordinator, GWU, The National Security Archive
Logged by: (b)(6) 11/17/2004 1
Last updated by: (b)(6) 11/19/2004 9

REQUEST DETAIL

Received by: (b)(6) 11/15/2004
Received from: (b)(6) (Correspondence Office)
Pages 882 Deadline 11/29/2004

Points of Contact (POC):
TSA 7 (b)(6)
FOIA (b)(6)
OCC
Correspondence (b)(6)

REVIEW DETAIL

Who has doc. * Released *
TSA7 Approver (b)(6) 12/23/2004
Found SSI?

Summary of Redacted Text
Reason Redacted
Questions
Includes gathering audio files, which could not be found.

RELEASE DETAIL

Reply Date 12/23/2004
Reviews
Level of Effort 882
Piece Fulfilled Fulfilled
FOIA Fulfilled
FOIA Counted
Review Comments:
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November 1, 2004

TSA05-0072

Ms. Barbara Elias
The National Security Archive
2130 H Street N.W.
Washington, DC 20037



**Transportation
Security
Administration**

Dear Ms. Elias:

This is to inform you that on November 1, 2004, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Office received your FOIA request dated November 1, 2004.

Your request has been given identification number TSA05-0072. Please be advised that TSA currently has a backlog of requests due to the high number of FOIA inquiries we are receiving. We are devoting additional staff and resources to reducing the backlog and using our best efforts to process all requests with due diligence on a first-in, first-out basis. Simple requests are able to be answered more quickly and will be placed on the fast track of our multi-track processing. More complex requests generally require significant processing time. Although TSA's goal is to respond within 20 business days of receipt of your request, the FOIA does permit a 10-day extension of this time period. If your request involves a voluminous amount of records, requires that we collect records from separate offices, or requires that we consult with another agency, TSA is invoking the 10-day extension for your request.

If you would like to narrow the scope of your request, we may be able to respond more quickly. Please contact us if you wish to narrow your request or arrange for an alternative time period to complete the processing. We regret any inconvenience caused by the delay. We can be reached at the following toll free number (866) 364-2872 and please reference the identification number listed above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Catrina M. Pavlik".

Catrina M. Pavlik
Associate Director
Freedom of Information Act and
Privacy Act Division



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Security
Administration

NOV 26 2004

Ms. Barbara Elias
The National Security Archive
The George Washington University
Gelman Library, Suite 701
2130 H Street, NW
Washington, DC 20037

FOIA Case Number: TSA05-0072

Dear Ms. Elias:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received in this office on November 1, 2004, requesting a copy of 48 documents referenced in Chapter 1, The 9/11 Commission Report, "We Have Some Planes."

A search was conducted by our Operations Policy Division, and our Security Intelligence Division and no records responsive to your request were located.

The Fact Books are on the web at <http://actctraining.faa.gov/factbook>.

You may want to contact the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) at National Freedom of Information Act Staff, ARC-40, Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20591, for this information.

We are continuing to search for responsive records in other offices and will respond to you when the search is completed.

If you have any questions pertaining to your request, please feel free to contact Anastazia Taylor at 571-227-(b)(2), (b)(6)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Catrina Pavlik".

Catrina Pavlik
Associate Director
Freedom of Information Act
and Privacy Act Division



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FAX COVER SHEET

Date: November 1, 2004

To: ATTN: FOIA REQUEST ATTACHED

Organization: U.S. Department of Homeland Security - TSA

From: The National Security Archive

Number of pages (including cover sheet)

If there is a problem with this transmission, please call us at 202-994-7000 as soon as possible.

Message: FOIA Request Attached
National Security Archive Number 20041240TSA002

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS

FOIA Number: TSA 05-0072

PROGRAM OFFICE: TSA-10

SIGNATURE: **(b)(6)**

DATE: 11/2/04

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS

FOIA Number: _____

TSA05-0072

PROGRAM OFFICE: _____

TSA-7

SIGNATURE: _____

(b)(6)

DATE: _____

11/12/04

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS

FOIA Number: TSA 05-0072

PROGRAM OFFICE: TSA-23

SIGNATURE: **(b)(6)**

DATE: 11/2/04

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) Privacy Act Division

FOIA NUMBER

Date Rec'd: 11/1/2004

TSA05-0072

Suspense: ~~11/15/2004~~
11-24-04

FROM: Barbara Elias
The National Security Archive

ACTION OFFICE(s): TSA-10 Stefanie Stauffer; TSA-23 (b)(6); TSA-7 (b)(6)

The attached request is to be responded to ONLY by the FOIA Office. Please return information requested to TSA-20 Rm: 11th floor, 120S, West Tower. If you require any assistance, please contact (b)(6) 571-227- (b)(2), (b)(6) NOTE: The law requires that the request be answered within 20 working days of receipt. Cognizant offices are expected to respond by the suspense date.

Conduct a search for records, including e-mail records, responsive to the attached request and forward a legible copy (not the original) of all responsive records found to this office for further processing. If no records exist, a written negative report is required.

Identify any information in the responsive records you found during your search that you believe should be withheld, and explain why you believe its release would be harmful.

Estimate the direct search costs that you believe would be incurred in determining whether records responsive to the attached request are in your files. Do not initiate a search unless further advised by this office.

COMMENTS:

Indicate where you searched and what type of file the responsive documents were found in i.e., on desk, emails, filed by name, filed by SSN, in a general file. You may have responsive documents coming from multiple categories, please indicate for each document.

SEARCH TIME (Hrs)	ACTION OFFICE		ATTORNEY	
	PAY BAND	PROCESSING TIME (Hrs)	PAY BAND	TIME (Hrs)
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DATE SEARCH BEGAN _____

This is to certify that all program files pertaining to the FOIA request have been searched and copies of all documents located have been furnished to the FOIA Office.

SIGNATURE OF INDIVIDUAL CERTIFYING ABOVE DATE SIGNED PAY BAND ROUTING SYMBOL

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) Privacy Act Division 75A-23

FOIA NUMBER

Date Rec'd: 11/1/2004

TSA05-0072

Suspense: 11/15/2004 ¹⁶

FROM: Barbara Elias
The National Security Archive

ACTION OFFICE(s): TSA-10 Stefanie Stauffer; TSA-23 (b)(6)

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Estimate the direct search costs that you believe would be incurred in determining whether records responsive to the attached request are in your files. Do not initiate a search unless further advised by this office.

COMMENTS: The office of operations Policy has no records responsive to this FOIA request.

Indicate where you searched and what type of file the responsive documents were found in i.e., on desk, emails, filed by name, filed by SSN, in a general file. You may have responsive documents coming from multiple categories, please indicate for each document.

#37. Fact Books are on web at:
~~http://www.faa.gov~~ http://atctraining.faa.gov/factbook

SEARCH TIME (Hrs)	ACTION OFFICE		ATTORNEY	
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DATE SEARCH BEGAN _____

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) Privacy Act Division

Rec 11/15/04
 fr. (b)(6)

FOIA NUMBER

Date Rec'd: 11/1/2004

TSA05-0072

Suspense: 11/15/2004

FROM: Barbara Elias
 The National Security Archive

ACTION OFFICE(s): TSA-10 Stefanie Stauffer; TSA-23 (b)(6) TSA-7 (b)(6)

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 NOTE: The law requires that the request be answered within 20 working days of receipt. Cognizant offices are expected to respond by the suspense date.

- Conduct a search for records, including e-mail records, responsive to the attached request and forward a legible copy (not the original) of all responsive records found to this office for further processing. If no records exist, a written negative report is required.
- Identify any information in the responsive records you found during your search that you believe should be withheld, and explain why you believe its release would be harmful.
- Estimate the direct search costs that you believe would be incurred in determining whether records responsive to the attached request are in your files. Do not initiate a search unless further advised by this office.

COMMENTS:

Indicate where you searched and what type of file the responsive documents were found in i.e., on desk, emails, filed by name, filed by SSN, in a general file. You may have responsive documents coming from multiple categories, please indicate for each document.

SEARCH TIME (Hrs)	ACTION OFFICE		ATTORNEY	
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DATE SEARCH BEGAN 11/16/04				

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This is to certify that all program files pertaining to the FOIA request have been searched and copies of all documents located have been furnished to the FOIA Office.

SIGNATURE OF INDIVIDUAL CERTIFYING ABOVE DATE SIGNED PAY BAND ROUTING SYMBOL

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) Privacy Act Division

FOIA NUMBER

Date Rec'd: 11/1/2004

TSA05-0072

Suspense: 11/15/2004

FROM: **Barbara Elias**
The National Security Archive

ACTION OFFICE(s): TSA-10 Stefanie Stauffer; TSA-23 (b)(6)

The attached request is to be responded to ONLY by the FOIA Office. Please return information requested to TSA-20 Rm: 11th floor, 120S, West Tower. If you require any assistance, please contact (b)(6) 571-227- (b)(6). NOTE: The law requires that the request be answered within 20 working days of receipt. Cognizant offices are expected to respond by the suspense date.

Conduct a search for records, *including e-mail records*, responsive to the attached request and forward a *legible copy (not the original) of all responsive records found* to this office for further processing. If no records exist, a written negative report is required.

Identify any information in the responsive records you found during your search that you believe should be withheld, and explain why you believe its release would be harmful.

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COMMENTS:

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SEARCH TIME (Hrs)	<u>ACTION OFFICE</u>		<u>ATTORNEY</u>	
	PAY BAND	PROCESSING TIME (Hrs)	PAY BAND	PAY BAND
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DATE SEARCH BEGAN 11/8/04

This is to certify that all program files pertaining to the FOIA request have been searched and copies of all documents located have been furnished to the FOIA Office.

Stefanie C. Stauffer 11/10/04 K TSA-10
SIGNATURE OF INDIVIDUAL CERTIFYING ABOVE DATE SIGNED PAY BAND ROUTING SYMBOL



Transportation Security Administration

FOIA Request Certification

INSTRUCTIONS: FOIA Points-of-Contact (POCs) will complete Section II and forward responsive records by mail to the TSA Headquarters FOIA Office, TSA-20, or by e-mail to the tasking individual, unless otherwise noted and explained below. If the search identifies TSA has a large volume of responsive records, FOIA POCs must contact the FOIA Office as soon as possible following receipt of this issued form to provide a cost estimate prior to continuing to process the request. Questions should be directed to the FOIA Office at (571) 227-2300, 866-FOIA-TSA (866-364-2872).

SECTION I: CASE SUSPENSE & IDENTIFICATION		
FOIA OFFICE USE ONLY		
FOIA POC response required on or before: 3/8/2011		
FOIA POCs direct e-mails replies to: TSA.FOIAPOCRESPONSES@dhs.gov.		
FOIA Case No.: TSA05-0072	Date: 3/8/2011	
Action Office(s): TSA-10 (b)(6)	TSA-28 (b)(6)	
Request Received From:		
Requester Seeks: (see attached request for further description)		
SECTION II: FOIA POC		
Part A: Contact Information		
Name: (b)(6)	Phone No.: (571) 227 (b)(2), (b)(6)	
Title: FOIA Specialist		
Part B: Recommendations (Check all that apply and provide appropriate responses)		
<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Release all responsive records. (Identify records and from where retrieved)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Withhold select responsive records. (explain)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Withhold all responsive records. (explain)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4. No responsive records. Search failed to identify and/or locate responsive records. (explain) <i>TSA-OI did not originate a direct response records (01, 095, 079)</i>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5. Recommend FOIA Office contact the following DHS Component, TSA Office and/ or individuals, identified in order to search for responsive records. (identify) (b)(5)	
PART C: Cost Estimate		
Search Time (hrs.) / Pay Band	Processing Time (hrs.) / Pay Band	Attorney Time (hrs.) / Pay Band
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PART D: Response Certification		
I certify that a search reasonably calculated to uncover all responsive records, paper and electronic, has been conducted and all responsive records have been reviewed, copied and provided to the HQ FOIA Office -TSA-20, or otherwise noted with explanations and/or recommendations provided herein.		
FOIA POC Signature: (b)(6)	Date: 3/9/2011	



Transportation Security Administration

FOIA Request Certification

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SECTION I: CASE SUSPENSE & IDENTIFICATION
FOIA OFFICE USE ONLY
FOIA POC response required on or before: 3/7/2011
FOIA POCs direct e-mails replies to: TSA.FOIAPOCRESPONSES@dhs.gov
FOIA Case No.: TSA08-0072 Date: 3/4/2011
Action Office(s): TSA-1(b)(6) TSA-28(b)(6)
Request Received From:
Requester seeks (see attached request for further description)

SECTION II: FOIA POC
Name: (b)(6) Phone No.: (571) 227-(b)(2), (b)(6)
Title: FOIA Specialist

- 1. Release all responsive records. (Identify records and from where retrieved)
2. Withhold select responsive records. (explain)
3. Withhold all responsive records. (explain)
4. No responsive records. Search failed to identify and/or locate responsive records. (explain)
TSNM has no records responsive to this request.
5. Recommend FOIA Office contact the following DHS Component, TSA Office and/ or individuals, identified, in order to search for responsive records. (identify)

Table with 3 columns: Search Time (hrs.) / Pay Band, Processing Time (hrs.) / Pay Band, Attorney Time (hrs.) / Pay Band

I certify that a search reasonably calculated to uncover all responsive records, paper and electronic, has been conducted and all responsive records have been reviewed, copied and provided to the HQ FOIA Office -TSA-20, or otherwise noted with explanations and/or recommendations provided herein.
FOIA POC Signature: (b)(6) Date: 3/4/11



Transportation
Security
Administration

Date: November 21, 2008
Subject: FOIA: TSA05-0072 S1
From: Director, SSI Office
Office of the Special Counselor
To: Kevin Janet, FOIA Officer, FOIA/PA Division
Transportation Security Administration

Per your request, the attached file has been reviewed for Sensitive Security Information (SSI). The information identified as SSI reveals performance specifications and security screening information. Therefore, the information in the file should be withheld under FOIA Exemption 3 – 49 CFR 1520.5(b)(4)(i) and (9)(v). Please note that additional FOIA exemptions might apply to other portions of the documents.

Our shorthand for redaction citations, as you know, is to note the paragraph within 49 CFR 1520.5(b). Thus, for example: (6)(i) means Exemption 3 – 49 CFR 1520.5(b)(6)(i). The term “RLS” is shorthand for release, meaning to “ignore any previous SSI redactions because this information is not SSI and Exemption 3 does not apply”; the term “WIF” is shorthand for “withhold this entire page [or document] in full”; “RIF” means “this entire page [or document] is not SSI and Exemption 3 does not apply.”

If, during your review or that of the Office of Chief Counsel (OCC), any questions arise regarding the recommendations made by this office, please feel free to contact us on extension 7-3513.

Sincerely,

(b)(6) *AC*

Andrew Colsky

Attachments: TSA05-0072 S1



Transportation
Security
Administration

Date: January 26, 2009
Subject: FOIA: TSA05-0072 S1
From: Director, SSI Office
Office of the Special Counselor
To: Kevin Janet, FOIA Officer, FOIA/PA Division
Transportation Security Administration

Per your request, the attached file has been reviewed for Sensitive Security Information (SSI). The information identified as SSI reveals performance specifications, security measures, and security screening information. Therefore, the information in the file should be withheld under FOIA Exemption 3 – 49 CFR 1520.5(b)(4)(i), (8)(i), (9)(i), and (9)(v). Please note that additional FOIA exemptions might apply to other portions of the documents.

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Sincerely,

(b)(6)

Andrew Colsky

Attachments: TSA05-0072 S1

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Arlington, VA 22202



Transportation
Security
Administration

Date: April 1, 2011
Subject: FOIA: TSA05-0072
From: Senior Analyst, SSI Program
Office of Security Services and Assessments
To: Yvonne L. Coates, FOIA Officer, FOIA/PA Division
Transportation Security Administration

Per your request, the attached file has been reviewed for Sensitive Security Information (SSI). The information identified as SSI reveals performance specifications and security screening information. Therefore, the information in the file should be withheld under FOIA Exemption 3 – 49 CFR 1520.5(4)(i), (9)(ii) and (9)(v). Please note that additional FOIA exemptions might apply to other portions of the documents.

Our shorthand for redaction citations, as you know, is to note the paragraph within 49 CFR 1520.5(b). Thus, for example: (6)(i) means Exemption 3 – 49 CFR 1520.5(b)(6)(i). The term “RLS” is shorthand for release, meaning to “ignore any previous SSI redactions because this information is not SSI and Exemption 3 does not apply”; the term “WIF” is shorthand for “withhold this entire page [or document] in full”; “RIF” means “this entire page [or document] is not SSI and Exemption 3 does not apply.”

If, during your review or that of the Office of the Chief Counselor, any questions arise regarding the recommendations made by this office, please feel free to contact me on extension 7-3513.

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

SSI Review Request In-Take Form - FOIA

This form should only be completed and submitted by a member of
TSA's FOIA Office

Sent to SSI
12/16/08

Please complete the top portion of this form and email it to SSI@dhs.gov.
Request Form's instructions and related FAQs are available at TSA's Intranet [future]
For guidance regarding sending SSI, see SSI Policy document titled "[future]" (#)

1. TSA FOIA OFFICE COORDINATOR'S INFORMATION			
(a) Name	(b)(6)	(b) Phone ext. 7-	(b)(2), (b)(6)
(c) Backup's Name	(b)(6)	(d) Phone ext 7-	(b)(6)
2. DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENT			
(a) FOIA Number:	TSA05-0072		
(b) Originating Program Office	TSA		
(c) Total Page Count (not including request)	843		
3. REQUEST DETAILS			
(a) Name of FOIA Requestor	Barbara Elias		
(b) Appeal?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
(c) Date Submitted:	11/1/2004	NOTE: Standard response time is 5 business days (starting 1 st business day after delivery)	
(d) List of any related FOIAs			
(e) Special Instructions or comments (i.e. note any gaps in page numbers, etc.)			
4. REVIEW DETAILS			
(a) I, as FOIA Coordinator, have clearly marked all recognized SSI			
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reason for no initial review:	
(b) Citations for SSI Found (Enter "none" if seeking confirmation)	none		

Submit the documents for review **only** to the SSI Program Office's **Coordinator** or the appointed backup.
Please submit this form in the same format as the accompanying FOIA. (If FOIA is hard-copy, submit the intake form hard-copy.)

**NEVER LEAVE A FOIA CONTAINING SSI IN AN
UNATTENDED SSI PROGRAM OFFICE CUBE**



Transportation
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Administration

Date: December 1, 2004
Subject: FOIA: TSA05-0072, Records Production Request
From: Acting Director, AvOps Litigation Support and Special Activities
To: Catrina Pavlik, Associate Director, FOIA/PA Division

A search of the records of this office has produced the following record that appears to be responsive to the Request (Our description attempts to match the exact wording of the Request):

FOIA Item #	Description	TSA-7 Internal Tracking No.	Format (hard- or soft-copy)
19 K	FAA memo, "Full Transcript; Aircraft Accident; UAL175; New York, NY; September 11, 2001," May 8, 2002 [125,126] 10,	1027 - P	Hard copy

Two copies of this record are attached. Please proceed with your SSI review of the record.

We are continuing to search diligently for other records responsive to this request, so you should consider this an interim response. Thank you for the assistance your office provided by copying the voluminous records produced thus far in our continuing search. If any questions arise regarding the records produced by this office, please feel free to contact me on extension 7-(b)(2), (b)(6)

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

Attachment: See Above



Transportation
Security
Administration

Date: December 21, 2004
 Subject: FOIA: TSA05-0072, Records Production Request
 From: Acting Director, AvOps Litigation Support and Special Activities
 To: Catrina Pavlik, Associate Director, FOIA/PA Division

A search of the files of this office has produced the following records that appear to be responsive to the request (Our description attempts to match the exact wording of the request):

FOIA Item #	Description	TSA-7 Internal Tracking No.	Format (hard- or soft-copy)	Page Size	
1	1	Air Traffic Control Recording - American Airlines Flight 11, Dec. 21, 2001	9037p	Hard	8
2	16	"Assessment and Testing Data for BOS, EWR, and IAD," Oct. 24, 2001	9075-1 & 9075-2	Hard	102
3	19	"Full Transcript; Aircraft Accident; UAL175; New York, NY; September 11, 2001," May 8, 2002	1026-9p	Hard	31
4	21	"Partial Transcript; Aircraft Accident; AAL77; Washington, DC September 11, 2001,; Sept. 20, 2001	1024-9p	Hard	29
5	23	"Full Transcript; Aircraft Accident; AAL11; New York, NY; September 11, 2001,; Feb. 15, 2002	1025-9p	Hard	51
6	24	"Full Transcript; Aircraft Accident; AAL11; New York, NY; September 11, 2001,; Jan. 28, 2002	1025-9p	Hard	77
7	25	"Full Transcript; Aircraft Accident; AAL11; New York, NY; September 11, 2001," Apr. 19, 2002	1025-9p	Hard	42
8	31	Chronology ADA-30, Sept. 11, 2001 (FAA representatives joining at 9:40)	9004	Hard	3
9	32	New England Region Daily Log, Sept. 11, 2001	9005	Hard	23
10	41	"Chronology of the September 11 Attacks and Subsequent Events Through October 24, 2001," undated	9013	Hard	9
11	43	"Executive Summary, Chronology of a Multiple Hijacking Crisis, September 11, 2001," Sept. 17, 2001	9083		3
12	44	"Executive Summary" Sept. 12, 2001	9228-1		3
13	47	"United Airlines Flight 93, September 11, 2001, Executive Report,; Jan. 30, 2002	4004	Hard	139
				Total	520

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A copy of each of these records is attached. Please proceed with your SSI review of the records.

We are continuing to search diligently for other records responsive to this request, so you should consider this an interim response. If any questions arise regarding the records produced by this office, please feel free to contact me on extension 7 (b)(2), (b)(6)

Sincerely,

 (b)(6)

Attachment: See table, above.



Transportation
Security
Administration

Date: December 22, 2004
Subject: FOIA: TSA05-0072, Records Production Request
From: Acting Director, AvOps Litigation Support and Special Activities
To: Catrina Pavlik, Associate Director, FOIA/PA Division

A search of the files of this office has produced the following records that appear to be responsive to the request. (Our description attempts to match the exact wording of the request.)

FOIA Item #	Description	TSA-7 Internal Tracking No.	Format (hard- or soft-copy)	Page Size
1 34	Personnel Statement of (b)(6), Oct. 17, 2001	1026p	Hard	5
2 35	Boston Air Route Traffic Control Center, position 46R, at 8:25 A.M.	1025p	Hard	13
3 36	Indianapolis Air Traffic Control Center, position HNN R, Sept. 11, 2001	1024p	Hard	18
4 39	"American Airlines Flight #77: Hijacking and Crash into the Pentagon, Sept. 11, 2001," undated	2007	Hard	144
5 42	"Civil Aviation Security Reference Handbook," May 1999 NOTE: This item was previously provided as item 3 of TSA05-0067 thus not included here.	8056-2	Hard	0
6 45	"Report of Aircraft Accident," Nov. 13, 2001	10249 & 1025p	Hard	4
7 46	"Summary of Air Traffic Hijack Events: September 11, 2001," Sept. 17, 2001	9037	Hard	59
Total				243

A copy of each of these records is attached. Please proceed with your SSI review of the records. We are continuing to search diligently for other records responsive to this request, so you should consider this an interim response. If any questions arise regarding the records produced by this office, please feel free to contact me on extension 7 (b)(2) (b)(6)

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

Attachment: See table, above.



Transportation
Security
Administration

Date: December 23, 2004
 Subject: FOIA: TSA05-0072, Records Production Request
 From: Acting Director, AvOps Litigation Support and Special Activities
 To: Catrina Pavlik, Associate Director, FOIA/PA Division

A search of the files of this office has not able to produce the following records:

FOIA Item #	Description	TSA-7 Internal Tracking No.	Format (hard- or soft-copy)	Page Size
1 2	Boston Center, position 31R			Could not find this document.
2 3	Boston Center, position 46R, 8:24:38 and 8:24:56.R			Could not find this document.
3 4	Cleveland Center, Lorain Radar position			Could not find this document.
4 5	Herndon Command Center, Boston Center position, line 5117, 9:05-9:07			Could not find this document.
5 6	Herndon Command Center, line 4525, 8:32-8:33			Could not find this document.
6 7	Herndon Command Center, line 5114, 9:07:13			Could not find this document.
7 8	Herndon Command Center, National Operations Manager position, line 4525			Could not find this document.
8 9	Herndon Command Center, National Traffic Management Officer east position, line 4530			Could not find this document.
9 10	Herndon Command Center, New York Center position, line 5714, 8:48			Could not find this document.
10 11	Herndon Command Center, New York Center position, line 5714, 9:02:34			Could not find this document.
11 12	Herndon Command Center, New York Center position, line 5754			Could not find this document.
12 13	Hendon Command Center, position 15, 9:19			Could not find this document.
13 14	New York Center, position R42, 8:42-8:45			Could not find this document.
14 15	Boston Center, position 31R			Could not find this document.
15 17	(b)(6) "ZJX Timeline for N47BA accident," Feb. 17, 2004			Could not find this document.
16 20	"Full Transcription; Air Traffic Control System Command Center, National Traffic Management Officer, East Position; September 11, 2001," Oct. 21, 2003, page 4, 27			Could not find this document.
17 22	"Full Transcript; Command Center; NOM Operational Position; September 11, 2001," Oct. 14, 2003			Could not find this document.

FOIA Item #	Description	TSA-7 Internal Tracking No.	Format (hard- or soft-copy)	Page Size
18 26	"Full Transcription; Air Traffic Control System Command Center, National Traffic Management Officer, East Position; September 11, 2001," Oct. 21, 2003, page 13			Could not find this document.
19 27	"Partial Transcript; Scramble Aircraft; QUIT25; September 11, 2001," Sept. 4, 2003 (Peninsular Radar position)			Could not find this document.
20 28	"Partial Transcript; Scramble Aircraft; QUIT25; September 11, 2001," Sept. 4, 2003 (East Feeder Radar position).			Could not find this document.
21 29	Transcription of 9/11 Tapes, Oct. 2, 2003, page 2-3.			Could not find this document.
22 30	(b)(6), Sept. 23, 2001			Could not find this document.
23 33	Personnel Statement of (b)(6), Oct. 30, 2001			Could not find this document.
24 37	Administrator's Fact Book," July 2001			Could not find this document.
25 38	"Aeronautical Information Manual," Feb. 19, 2004			Could not find this document.
26 40	"Selectee List AALA #77," undated			Could not find this document.
27 48	"Crisis Management Handbook for Significant Events," Feb. 15, 2000			Could not find this document.

Of the 48 total records requested in this FOIA, to date we have provided 21 records (under separate cover). Many of the items above (#2 - #15) are listed as "FAA audio" files or recordings and we believe that the FAA originally provided these items directly to the 9/11 Commission.

If any questions arise regarding these records that could not be located, please feel free to contact me on extension (b)(2), (b)(6)

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

Attachment: (none)

Stauffer, Stefanie

From: Stauffer, Stefanie
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2004 7:14 PM
To: Pavlik, Catrina
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: FOIA TSA 05-0067 (Elias)
Importance: High

I have completed this FOIA and have two documents that respond to the bullet " FAA records, Intelligence Case File 98-96 [58], however both documents are classified. One is an ICF Report identifying case file 98-96 and the other is an Intelligence Note created based on the opening of the case file. The only other bullet for which I might have had a record was "FAA report, "The Threat to U.S. Civil Aviation in the United States," Sept. 1994 [57]. TSIS does not have this report in its files or electronic records. I cannot identify any of the other documents requested; we have nothing in our files or computer systems which matches these documents.

NOTE: I do not have the records that were provided to the 9/11 Commission; they were left with the FAA because they were worked by (b)(6) (former head of FAA Intel) who was working on contract to FAA to respond specifically to the JIC and 9/11 Commission. In many cases, I cannot identify the documents needed to respond to the FOIA based on what the requestor has provided so many of my responses to any of the Elias requests will be only partial or negative.

I will leave the response at our security control point.

*Stefanie Stauffer, Acting
Director, Intelligence Assessments
Transportation Security Intelligence
Transportation Security Administration
Department of Homeland Security
703-601-
Stefanie.Stauffer@dhs.gov*

11/19/2004

Stauffer, Stefanie

From: Stauffer, Stefanie
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2004 7:27 PM
To: Pavlik, Catrina
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: FOIA TSA 05-0072 (Elias)
Importance: High

I have completed this FOIA and found no documents that respond to the request. Although I reviewed all items, I specifically checked numbers 29, 39, 40, 41, 43, 44, 45, 46, and 47 against our computer records and files with no results.

NOTE: I do not have the records that were provided to the 9/11 Commission; they were left with the FAA because they were worked by (b)(6) (former head of FAA Intel) who was working on contract to FAA to respond specifically to the JIC and 9/11 Commission. In many cases, I cannot identify the documents needed to respond to the FOIA based on what the requestor has provided so many of my responses to any of the Elias requests will be only partial or negative.

I will leave the response at our security control point.

*Stefanie Stauffer, Acting
Director, Intelligence Assessments
Transportation Security Intelligence
Transportation Security Administration
Department of Homeland Security
703-601-^{(b)(2), (b)(6)}
Stefanie.Stauffer@dhs.gov*

4/13/09

Responsive documents
for #Item 42 are in
FOIA Request 05-0067
processed by (b)(6)

Therefore, page count is
not accurate.

Page Count

SSI pg Count - 862

Subtract - 4 blank pgs

Request was included in
the pg count (3 pgs)

Total is (855) pgs.

(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2009 10:42 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Cc: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>; (b)(6)
Subject: FW: Status of TSA05-0067 & TSA05-0072

fyi

From: Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2009 10:41 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; Newhouse, Victoria <TSA OCC>
Cc: Walton, Kimberly; Kerner, Francine; Pietra, Peter
Subject: Status of TSA05-0067 & TSA05-0072

(b)(5)

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2011 2:00 PM
To: TSA FOIA/POCResponses
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act request TSA05-0072
Attachments: RE: Freedom of Information Act request TSA05-0072

TSNM has no records responsive to requests #1 and #35. Please see the attached email from the TSNM Airlines Division.

I already sent the tasking sheet on last Friday.

Thanks

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2011 3:38 PM
To: TSA.FOIAPOCResponses
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: Freedom of Information Act request TSA05-0072

Good afternoon,

This request was forwarded to TSNM's Commercial Airlines Division and they have no documents to contribute to this FOIA request. Attached is the tasking sheet and email from the Division.

Thanks

(b)(6)

(b)(6) | TSNM/BMO/Communications
Phone: (571) 227- | Email: (b)(6)@dhs.gov

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2011 3:05 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act request TSA05-0072

(b)(6) Commercial Airlines does not have any documents related to this item.

(b)(6)

TSNM - Commercial Airlines
Transportation Security Administration
571-227-

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2011 12:28 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: Freedom of Information Act request TSA05-0072

Good afternoon,

I received the attached tasking from the FOIA Office. TSNM and INTEL were tasked with searching for documents related to #39 in the attachment.

(#39-FAA Report, "American Airlines Flight #77- Hijacking and Crash into the Pentagon, Sept. 11, 2001, undated")

The FOIA Office is asking if TSNM can conduct a search and inform them if we have any documents to contribute by Monday 3/7/11.

Please let me know if you can provide documents to support this request.

Thanks

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

(b)(6) TSNM/BMO/Communications
Phone: (571) 227- (b)(6) Email: (b)(6)@dhs.gov

From: (b)(6)

Sent: Friday, March 04, 2011 12:03 PM

To: (b)(6)

Subject: Freedom of Information Act request TSA05-0072

Good Afternoon:

Please review and respond to the attached FOIA Tasking. We are requesting documents for #39 only. Only respond to #39 of the request.

Please let us know if you recommend any other program office to respond to this FOIA request. Identify any information in the responsive records you found during your search that you believe should be withheld, and explain why you believe its release would be harmful.

Forward all responses along with the completed tasking sheet. Please return the completed tasking sheet (TSA Form 3601) along with responsive records only to TSA.FOIAPOCRESPONSES@dhs.gov. If there are no responsive documents found, fill out the form accordingly and return it for record keeping. Please do not send a courtesy copy to my e-mail address.

Thanks

(b)(6)

Freedom of Information Act Office
571-227- (b)(6)

(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2011 2:38 PM
To: TSA.FOIAPOCResponses
Subject: FW: Freedom of Information Act request TSA05-0072
Attachments: TSNM Response 05-0072-#34.pdf

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Good afternoon,

TSNM has no responsive records to #34. Please see the email below from the Branch Chief for Commercial Airlines. Also, please find attached the tasking sheet.

Thanks

(b)(6)

(b)(6)
(b)(6) TSNM/BMO/Communications
Phone: (571) 227-~~XXXX~~ Email: (b)(6)@dhs.gov

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2011 1:10 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act request TSA05-0072

Nothing from Airlines.

(b)(6)

Commercial Aviation Division - Airlines
Transportation Security Administration

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2011 12:10 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: Freedom of Information Act request TSA05-0072

Good Afternoon:

Please review and respond to the attached FOIA Tasking. We are requesting documents for #34 of this request. Only respond this item.

Please let us know if you recommend any other program office to respond to this FOIA request. Identify any information in the responsive records you found during your search that you believe should be withheld, and explain why you believe its release would be harmful.

Forward all responses along with the completed tasking sheet. Please return the completed tasking sheet (TSA Form 3601) along with responsive records only to TSA.FOIAPOCRESPONSES@dhs.gov. If there are no responsive documents found, fill out the form accordingly and return it for record keeping.

Thanks

(b)(6)

Freedom of Information Act Office

571-227 (b)(2) (b)(6)



June 18, 2008

Transportation Security Administration
TSA-20, West Tower, FOIA Division
601 South 12th Street
Arlington, VA 22202-4220
Via e-mail FOIA.TSA@dhs.gov

TSA/FOIA DIVISION - 571-227-2300

FOIA CASE NO: TSA08-0570

RECEIVED: 6/19/08

SUSPENSE DATE: 7/1/08

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: 3/27/09

only refindings

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I am requesting a copy of the TSA internal affairs investigation reports and internal review reports completed since March 1, 2008.
(Program Reviews)

In order to help determine my status to assess fees, you should know I am a reporter for ProPublica, an independent, non-profit newsroom that produces investigative journalism in the public interest, based in New York.

As a representative of the news media I am only required to pay for the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages. Through this request, I am gathering information that is of current interest to the public because this information is being sought for dissemination to the general public.

Please waive any applicable fees. Release of the information is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities.

Because time is very much a factor, I ask that you communicate with me by telephone or e-mail if you have any questions. My phone number is (b)(6) and my e-mail address is (b)(6)@propublica.org. To save time and cost, please e-mail the records if possible or fax them to 212-785-2634.

If you deny any part of this request, please cite each specific reason that you think justifies your refusal to release the information and notify me of appeal procedures available to me under the law.

Thank you for your assistance with my request.

Michael Grabell, staff writer
Voice (b)(6)
Fax (212) 785-2634
(b)(6)@propublica.org

One Exchange Plaza 23rd Floor New York, New York
10006 212-514-5250 propublica.org



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APR 2 2009

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR: Kevin Janet
FOIA Officer
Freedom of Information Act Office
Office of Security, TSA-20

FROM: K. David Holmes, Jr.
Assistant Administrator, Office of Inspection (OOI)
TSA-13

SUBJECT: TSA FOIA #08-0570

The attached reports reflect OOI's findings in this matter and may be responsive to the FOIA request.

As with previous records we have provided to you under applicable FOIA considerations, we appreciate your understanding of the highly sensitive nature of our work. On April 2, 2009, (b)(6) in our office spoke directly with (b)(6) regarding these reports. (b)(6) was advised these reports are pre-decisional and as a result, we were instructed to use Exemption B-5 in this matter. No information regarding this request will be disseminated.

Should you or your staff have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the OOI FOIA Coordinator, (b)(6) at 571-227-[REDACTED].

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) Privacy Act Division

FOIA NUMBER

Date Rec'd: 6/19/2008

TSA08-0570

Suspense: 7/1/2008

1/22/2009

FROM: Michael Grabell
ProPublica

ACTION OFFICE(s): TSA-4 Christopher White

The attached request is to be responded to ONLY by the FOIA Office. Please return information requested to TSA-20 Rm: 11th floor, 205S, East Tower. If you require any assistance, please contact FOIA office, 571-227-2300. NOTE: The law requires that the request be answered within 20 working days of receipt. Cognizant offices are expected to respond by the suspense date.

Conduct a search for records, including e-mail records, responsive to the attached request and forward a legible copy (not the original) of all responsive records found to this office for further processing. If no records exist, a written negative report is required.

Identify any information in the responsive records you found during your search that you believe should be withheld, and explain why you believe its release would be harmful.

Estimate the direct search costs that you believe would be incurred in determining whether records responsive to the attached request are in your files. Do not initiate a search unless further advised by this office.

COMMENTS: Contact (b)(6) for comments and/or questions (571) 227- (b)(6) Please fill out tasking sheet and return to (b)(6), FOIA office.

Indicate where you searched and what type of file the responsive documents were found in i.e., on desk, emails, filed by name, filed by SSN, in a general file. You may have responsive documents coming from multiple categories, please indicate for each document.

SEARCH TIME (Hrs)	ACTION OFFICE		ATTORNEY	
	PAY BAND	PROCESSING TIME (Hrs)	PAY BAND	TIME (Hrs)
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DATE SEARCH BEGAN _____

This is to certify that all program files pertaining to the FOIA request have been searched and copies of all documents located have been furnished to the FOIA Office.

SIGNATURE OF INDIVIDUAL CERTIFYING ABOVE DATE SIGNED PAY BAND ROUTING SYMBOL

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) Privacy Act Division

FOIA NUMBER

Date Rec'd: 6/19/2008

TSA08-0570

Suspense: 7/1/2008

4/22/2009

3/27/09

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ProPublica

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SIGNATURE OF INDIVIDUAL CERTIFYING ABOVE DATE SIGNED PAY BAND ROUTING SYMBOL

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) Privacy Act Division

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4/22/2009

3/27/09

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Indicate where you searched and what type of file the responsive documents were found in i.e., on desk, emails, filed by name, filed by SSN, in a general file. You may have responsive documents coming from multiple categories, please indicate for each document.

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	PAY BAND	PROCESSING TIME (Hrs)	PAY BAND	TIME (Hrs)
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DATE SEARCH BEGAN _____

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(b)(6)

SIGNATURE OF INDIVIDUAL CERTIFYING ABOVE DATE SIGNED 4/23/2009 PAY BAND ROUTING SYMBOL TSA-13

June 19, 2008

TSA08-0570

Mr. Michael Grabell
ProPublica
One Exchange Plaza, 23rd FL
New York, NY 10006



Transportation
Security
Administration

Dear Mr. Grabell:

This is to inform you that on June 19, 2008, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Office received your FOIA request dated June 18, 2008. Your request has been given identification number TSA08-0570. Please cite this number in any further Inquiry about this request.

I must advise you that depending upon the category of requester you fall in, fees may be charged for searching for records sought at the respective clerical, professional, and/or managerial rates of \$4.00/\$7.00/\$10.25 per quarter hour, and for duplication costs of \$.10 per page. In accordance with 6 C.F.R. §5.3(c), if you make a FOIA request, it shall be a firm commitment by you to pay all applicable fees charged under § 5.11 up to \$25.00. The combined charges for search and duplication must exceed \$14.00 before we will charge you any fees. Many requests do not require fees; however, if fees exceed \$25.00, we will notify you beforehand.

TSA uses a multi-track system to process requests on a first-in, first-out basis. Simple requests are able to be answered more quickly and will be placed on the fast track of our multi-track processing. More complex requests generally require significant processing time. Although TSA's goal is to respond within 20 business days of receipt of your request, the FOIA does permit a 10-day extension of this time period. If your request involves a voluminous amount of records, requires that we collect records from separate offices, or requires that we consult with another agency, TSA will invoke the 10-day extension for your request.

If you would like to narrow the scope of your request, we may be able to respond more quickly. Please contact us if you wish to narrow your request or arrange for an alternative time period to complete the processing. We can be reached at the following toll free number (866) 364-2872.

Sincerely,

Kevin J. Janet
FOIA Officer
Freedom of Information Act Office
TSA Headquarters, TSA-20

February 12, 2009

TSA08-0570

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ProPublica
One Exchange Plaza, 23rd FL
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Sincerely,

Kevin J. Janet
FOIA Officer
Freedom of Information Act Office
TSA Headquarters, TSA-20

(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: Michael Grabell (b)(6)@propublica.org]
Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2008 11:06 AM
To: FOIA.TSA@dhs.gov
Subject: Public information request for internal affairs reports
Attachments: TSA Internal Affairs Reports.doc

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Michael Grabell
Transportation Writer
ProPublica
Work: (b)(6)
(b)(6)@propublica.org

(b)(6) <CTR>

From: White, Christopher <TSA PA>
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2009 11:46 AM
To: (b)(6) <CTR>
Subject: RE: Overdue FOIA Tasking

I have no records responsive to either request, to include any internal affairs reports or disciplinary actions against FAMs.

Thank you,

Christopher White

From: (b)(6) <CTR>
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2009 11:43 AM
To: White, Christopher <TSA PA>
Subject: Overdue FOIA Tasking

Please see attach FOIA Tasking. Please note suspense date is 1/22/09.

Thank you,

(b)(6)

FOIA- Freedom of Information Act
Department Of Homeland Security
Transportation Security Administration
Office: (571) 227-
Fax: (571) 227-1406
(b)(6)@associates.dhs.gov

1/15/2009

Retasked to

(b)(6)

(b)(6) <CTR>

From: **(b)(6)** <CTR>
Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2009 4:25 PM
To: **(b)(6)**
Cc: **(b)(6)** <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: Overdue FOIA requests
Attachments: TSA08-0570 tasking.pdf

Due 2/24/09

(b)(6)

The following FOIA tasking was never received by your office. Please let me know if you can come up with a responsive response/records.

Please see attached FOIA Tasking. Please note suspense date 2/24/09

Thank you,

(b)(6)

Office of Special Counsel- FOIA
Department Of Homeland Security
Transportation Security Administration
Office: (571) 227-**(b)(6)**
Fax: (571) 227-1406
(b)(6)@associates.dhs.gov

(b)(6) <CTR>

From: (b)(6) <CTR>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2009 8:41 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FOIA Request 08-0570
Attachments: FOIA Request 08-0570.pdf

This is a follow-up on FOIA request 08-0570.

If you have never received this tasking, please see attachment and your suspension date is 3/27/09.

Identify any information in the responsive records you found during your search that you believe should be withheld, and explain why you believe its release would be harmful. Please forward all responses along with Tasking sheet. Please return the completed Tasking sheet to me even if there are no responsive records found (you may make a note no response found and sign and the time and pay band for your search time). We need it for our files.

Thanks

3/20/2009

(b)(6) <CTR>

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2009 5:03 PM
To: (b)(6) <CTR>
Subject: Re: FOIA Request 08-0570

I will be in the office on Monday - we are collecting now.

From: (b)(6)
To: (b)(6)
Sent: Tue Mar 24 13:59:48 2009
Subject: RE: FOIA Request 08-0570

(b)(6)

What is the status on TSA08-0570?

Thanks

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2009 9:48 AM
To: (b)(6) <CTR>
Subject: RE: FOIA Request 08-0570

Thank you.

~ (b)(6)

(b)(6)
(office) 571-22
(mobile) (b)(6)

From: (b)(6) <CTR>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2009 9:39 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: FOIA Request 08-0570

Sure, no problem.

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2009 9:34 AM
To: (b)(6) <CTR>
Subject: RE: FOIA Request 08-0570

(b)(6)

I am out of town until Monday, I have requested information, may I have until Monday to get any results we may find to you?

(b)(6)

3/25/2009

(b)(6)

(office) 571-227

(mobile) (b)(6)

From: (b)(6) <CTR>

Sent: Friday, March 20, 2009 8:41 AM

To: (b)(6)

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Thanks

3/25/2009

(b)(6) <CTR>

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2009 2:00 PM
To: (b)(6) <CTR>
Subject: Out of Office AutoReply: FOIA Request 08-0570

I am out of the office. For immediate assistance, please feel free to call me at (b)(6). If you have a FOIA request, please contact (b)(6) at 571-227-(b)(2), (b)(6).
Thank you.

(b)(6) <CTR>

From: (b)(6) <CTR>

Sent: Monday, March 30, 2009 11:39 AM

To: (b)(6)

Subject: Answer To Your Question On FOIA Tasking 08-0570

This is what we want; only the findings of the TSA internal affairs investigation reports and program reviews completed since March 1, 2008.

3/30/2009

(b)(6) <CTR>

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2009 2:47 PM
To: (b)(6) <CTR>
Subject: FOIA TSA08-0570

(b)(6)

I just left you a voice mail. When you have time, we need to talk. In routing FOIA TSA08-0570, it has been discovered that this is pre-decisional materials and we need to discuss what exemptions will apply. Please call me when you have an opportunity so we can complete this request.

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

Office of Inspection
Transportation Security Administration
601 South 12th Street, W9-334N
Arlington, VA 20598-6013
(b)(6)@dhs.gov
(office) 571-227-
(mobile) (b)(6)

4/2/2009



June 19, 2008

Transportation Security Administration
TSA-20, West Tower, FOIA Division
601 South 12th Street
Arlington, VA 22202-4220
Via e-mail FOIA.TSA@dhs.gov

TSA FOIA DIVISION - 571-227-2300
FOIA CASE NO: TSA08-0572
RECEIVED: 6/23/08
SUSPENSE DATE: 7/3/08
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I am requesting an electronic copy of the TSA's customer complaint database for all complaints received since March 1, 2008.

In order to reduce the wait time and the burden on your staff, please note that I am not requesting that the TSA create a new database or run any special queries. I simply am requesting the complaints database that is already in existence. I would like to receive all fields, columns and rows that are available in the database.

In order to help determine my status to assess fees, you should know I am a reporter for ProPublica, an independent, non-profit newsroom that produces investigative journalism in the public interest, based in New York.

As a representative of the news media I am only required to pay for the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages. Through this request, I am gathering information that is of current interest to the public because this information is being sought for dissemination to the general public.

Please waive any applicable fees. Release of the information is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities.

Please note that I would like to receive the database in electronic format. I can accept the data in several formats (xls, access, txt, etc.) and can accept the data on a variety of media (CD-ROM, e-mail attachment, etc.). If the database uses codes for the column headings, please include the data dictionary, record layout, code sheet or any other documentation necessary to interpret the data.

Because time is very much a factor, I ask that you communicate with me by telephone or e-mail if you have any questions. My phone number is (b)(6), and my e-mail address is (b)(6)@propublica.org. To save time and cost, please e-mail the records if possible.

If you deny any part of this request, please cite each specific reason that you think justifies your refusal to release the information and notify me of appeal procedures available to me under the law.

Thank you for your assistance with my request.

Michael Grabell, staff writer
Voice (b)(6)
Fax (212) 785-2634
(b)(6)@propublica.org

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TSA08-0572	53	

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) Privacy Act Division

FOIA NUMBER

Date Rec'd: 6/23/2008

TSA08-0572

Suspense: 6/30/2008

FROM: **Michael Grabell**
ProPublica

ACTION OFFICE(s): TSA-1 (b)(6); TSOC (b)(6); TSA-22 (b)(6)

The attached request is to be responded to ONLY by the FOIA Office. Please return information requested to TSA-20 Rm: 11th floor, 205S, East Tower. If you require any assistance, please contact FOIA office, 571-227-2300. NOTE: The law requires that the request be answered within 20 working days of receipt. Cognizant offices are expected to respond by the suspense date.

Conduct a search for records, *including e-mail records*, responsive to the attached request and forward a *legible copy (not the original) of all responsive records found* to this office for further processing. If no records exist, a written negative report is required.

Identify any information in the responsive records you found during your search that you believe should be withheld, and explain why you believe its release would be harmful.

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DATE SEARCH BEGAN _____

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) Privacy Act Division

FOIA NUMBER

Date Rec'd: 6/23/2008

TSA98-0572

Suspense: 6/30/2008

FROM: Michael Grabell
ProPublica

ACTION OFFICE(s): TSA-1 (b)(6) TSGC (b)(6) TSA-22 (b)(6)

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The Ombudsman's Office has no responsive records.

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DATE SEARCH BEGAN 1-21-09

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(b)(6)

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) Privacy Act Division

FOIA NUMBER

Date Rec'd: 6/23/2008

TSA08-0572

Suspense: 6/30/2008

FROM: Michael Grubell
ProPublica

ACTION OFFICE(s): TSA-(b)(6); TSOC(b)(6); TSA-22(b)(6)

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DATE SEARCH BEGAN 7-16-09

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(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: Michael Grabell (b)(6)@propublica.org
Sent: Thursday, June 19, 2008 10:22 AM
To: FOIA.TSA@dhs.gov
Subject: FOIA request from ProPublica
Attachments: TSA Complaint Database.doc

As I get acquainted with my new beat, I'd like to get the database of customer complaints for the last few months. Please see the attached FOIA request and let me know if I need to clarify anything.

Thanks for all your help. Hoping these won't take too long to fill.

Michael Grabell
Transportation Writer
ProPublica
Work: (b)(6)
(b)(6)@propublica.org

6/19/2008

(b)(6) <CTR>

From: Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 1:56 PM
To: (b)(6) <CTR>
Cc: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: FW: FOIAs Due-FY08

Attachments: FOIAs Due-FY08



FOIAs Due-FY08

(b)(6), could you please locate the original email to Ombuds POC for this request and retask, please cc me when you resend. thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 1:11 PM
To: Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>
Subject: RE: FOIAs Due-FY08

Kevin,

I do not recall receiving subject FOIA request. Can you please resend it?

Thanks,

(b)(6)
Department of Homeland Security
Transportation Security Administration
Office of the Ombudsman
571-227 (b)(2) (b)(6)

>Due to the limitations of technology, confidentiality cannot be assured when using email.

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>Please be advised that consistent with the informality and neutrality practices of the Office of the Ombudsman, communication to or with our office does not put the Transportation Security Administration on notice and documentation is not retained.

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>This message may contain confidential and/or privileged information.
>If you are not the addressee, you must not use, copy, forward, disclose or take any action based on this message or any information herein. If you have received this message in error, please advise the sender immediately by reply email and delete this message. Thank you for your cooperation.

(b)(6) <CTR>

From: Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 2:22 PM
To: (b)(6) <CTR>; (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Cc: (b)(6) <TSOC>
Subject: TSA08-0572

(b)(6) could you locate the FOIA search tasking for the FOIA referenced above and forward on the (b)(6), cc'd on this email, thanks.

9/15/2008

(b)(6) <CTR>

From: Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 11:37 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FOIAs Due-FY08

Attachments: TSA-22.htm



TSA-22.htm (378 B)

Hello! The attached document contains a list of overdue FOIA search requests assigned to you by FOIA HQ. Please complete the requested search tasking or provide immediate status update to FOIA.TSA@dhs.gov. Thank you. Kevin J. Janet, FOIA Officer

(b)(6) <CTR>

From: (b)(6) <TSOC>
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2009 1:18 PM
To: (b)(6) <CTR>
Subject: RE: Overdue FOIA Tasking: TSA08-0572

TSOC has no input for this request. (b)(6)

From: (b)(6) <CTR>
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2009 11:51 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: Overdue FOIA Tasking: TSA08-0572

Program Offices,

Just following up to see if you receive the following FOIA Tasking, if not the attached tasking is above. Please note new suspense date is 1/22/2009. I believe the following tasking may have mistakenly never been task.

Thank you,

(b)(6)

FOIA- Freedom of Information Act
Department Of Homeland Security
Transportation Security Administration
Office: (571) 227-
Fax: (571) 227-1406
(b)(6)@associates.dhs.gov

1/15/2009

(b)(6) <CTR>

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, February 09, 2009 2:33 PM
To: (b)(6) <CTR>
Subject: FOIA TSA08-0572

Attachments: 3-1-08 to 5-31-08 CCMS Detail Report.xls; 6-1-08 to 08-31-08 CCMS Detail Report.xls; 9-1-08 to 12-31-08 CCMS Detail Report.xls; Tasking Sheet TSA08-0572.pdf

Attached are the records and tasking sheet for TSA08-0572.

Thanks.

(b)(6)

*U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security
Transportation Security Administration*

Office of the Executive Secretariat

(o) 571-227-^{(b)(6)}

(f) 571-227-2594

(b)(6)@dhs.gov

2/9/2009

(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: Michael Grabell (b)(6)@propublica.org
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2009 4:13 PM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: RE: Spreadsheet

(b)(6)

Per our conversation, I would like to narrow my request to just the "Complaints" database for March 1, 2008 to the date the request is filled. I would still like to receive all columns and rows and receive it in an electronic database (i.e. Excel, txt file). I would also like the total number of records in "E-mail" and "Telephone" databases for that time period, which I understand are the total number of contacts to the TSA Contact Center.

If you have any questions, please call me at the number below.

Michael Grabell
Staff Writer
ProPublica
Work: (b)(6)
(b)(6)@propublica.org

From: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA> [mailto:(b)(6)@dhs.gov]
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2009 11:15 AM
To: Michael Grabell
Subject: RE: Spreadsheet

Michael:

I don't have the information from the disk open and in front of me at this time however, I can tell you that all of the columns that would contain personal identifiers such as: Writers, subject, constituent, concerned party, remarks, addressed to, first name, last name, email address, msg subject, msg body, street, telephone...all personal identifiers will have to be redacted from these columns.

From: Michael Grabell [mailto:(b)(6)@propublica.org]
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2009 10:41 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: RE: Spreadsheet

Thanks (b)(6) Which are the columns that you guys are concerned about, that will take the most time to go through and redact?

Michael Grabell
Staff Writer
ProPublica

2/24/2009

Work: (b)(6) [redacted]
(b)(6) [redacted]@propublica.org

From: (b)(6) [redacted] TSA-FOIA> [mailto:(b)(6) [redacted]@dhs.gov]
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2009 8:42 AM
To: Michael Grabell
Subject: Spreadsheet

Hi Michael:

The following are the categories on the spreadsheets as they relate to customer complaints receive at TSA since March 1, 2008.

Complaints:

- Control#
- Date
- Due Date
- 2nd Due Date
- Writers
- Subject
- Constituent
- Concerned Party
- Remarks
- Priority
- Addressed to
- Document Type
- Folder template
- Related control
- Cross reference
- Signed date
- Whitehouse Reference
- Action office
- Analyst

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TalismaDate/Time
FromDate/Time
Msg Subject
Msg Body
Airport Extended
Airline Extended
Resolution Summary
Subject Category Extended
Flag
Middle Initial
Street 1
Street 2
City
State Province
Country
Zip Code
Telephone
Fax
Incident date
Consumer Issue

Telephone:

Airport Extended
Airline Extended
Resolution Summary Extended
Subject/Category
Flag
Middle initial
Street 1
Street 2
City
State/Province
Country
Zip Code
Telephone
Fax
Incident Date
Consumer Issue
Contact Date
Name Prefix
Name Suffix
Interaction Type
To TSOC
From TSOC
Return Comment
Call ID
Contact Date
Type 3
Name Prefix
Name Suffix

February 12, 2009

TSA08-0572

Mr. Michael Grabell
ProPublica
One Exchange Plaza, 23rd FL
New York, NY 10006



Transportation
Security
Administration

Dear Mr. Grabell:

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Sincerely,

Kevin J. Janet
FOIA Officer
Freedom of Information Act Office
TSA Headquarters, TSA-20

*just the initial
complaint, re request.*

*we have responsive docs
from TSA 1, should
get an updated response.*

June 23, 2008

TSA08-0572

Mr. Michael Grabell
ProPublica
One Exchange Plaza, 23rd FL
New York, NY 10006



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Freedom of Information Act Office
TSA Headquarters, TSA-20

(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: Frank, Tom (b)(6)@usatoday.com
Sent: Monday, September 22, 2008 10:48 AM
To: FOIA.TSA@dhs.gov
Subject: FOIA request

FOIA DIVISION - 571-227-2300
RELEASE NO: TSA 09-0000
RECEIVED: 10/02/08
RESPONSE DATE: 10/09/08
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Thomas Frank
USA Today
1100 New York Ave. NW, #200E
Washington, DC, 20005

(b)(6)

September 22, 2008

Transportation Security Administration
TSA-20, West Tower
FOIA Division
601 South 12th Street
Arlington, VA 22202-4220

FOIA REQUEST

Fee waiver requested

Expedited review requested

Dear FOI Officer:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request access to and copies of communications and reports from all consultants and contractors hired by the Transportation Security Administration to solicit opinions, feedback and surveys from the traveling public and from TSA employees concerning airport security and TSA's mission. The information requested should include all reports from contractors to TSA concerning marketing, communications and messaging; results of all surveys, polls, focus groups and any other measurement of the opinion of the general public, the traveling public and the TSA workforce; copies of all reports to the TSA from contractors engaged in efforts to determine opinions of the public, aviation travelers and TSA employees, and to develop and refine public-affairs outreach to the traveling public and TSA "messaging."

Please waive any applicable fees. Release of the information is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

As I am making this request as a journalist and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate your communicating with me by telephone, rather than by mail, if you have questions regarding this request.

Please provide expedited review of this request which concerns a matter of urgency. As a journalist, I am primarily engaged in disseminating information. The public has an urgent need for information about TSA messaging and public-outreach efforts because there is extensive effort going on presently to inform airline passengers about changes to airport security. I certify that my statements concerning the need for expedited review are true and correct to the best of

9/29/2008

my knowledge and belief.

I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Thomas Frank
Staff Writer
USA Today
Washington, DC
(b)(6)

9/29/2008



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FOIA OFFICE USE ONLY		
FOIA POC response required on or before: 11/15/10		
FOIA POCs direct e-mails replies to: TSA.FOIAPOCResponses@tsa.dhs.gov		
FOIA Case No.: TSA09-0008	Date: 11/8/10	
Action Office(s): TSA 29 (b)(6)		
Request Received From: Thomas Frank		
Requester Seeks: (see attached request for further description)		
SECTION II: FOIA POC		
Part A. Contact Information		
Name:	Phone No.:	
Title:		
Part B. Recommendations (Check all that apply and provide appropriate responses)		
<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Release all responsive records. (identify records and from where retrieved)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Withhold select responsive records. (explain)	
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PART C. Cost Estimate		
Search Time (hrs.) / Pay Band	Processing Time (hrs.) / Pay Band	Attorney Time (hrs.) / Pay Band
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PART D. Response Certification		
I certify that a search reasonably calculated to uncover all responsive records, paper and electronic, has been conducted and all responsive records have been reviewed, copied and provided to the HQ FOIA Office -TSA-20, or otherwise noted with explanations and/or recommendations provided herein.		
FOIA POC Signature:		Date:



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PART D: Response Certification		
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(b)(6)		
FOIA POC Signature:	Date: 11/22/10	

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) Privacy Act Division

FOIA NUMBER

TSA09-0008

Date Rec'd: 10/2/2008

10/10/08
Suspense: 10/9/2008

FROM: Thomas Frank
USA Today

ACTION OFFICE(s): TSA-4 Christopher White
TSA-25(b)(6)

The attached request is to be responded to ONLY by the FOIA Office. Please return information requested to TSA-20 Rm: 11th floor, 205S, East Tower. If you require any assistance, please contact FOIA office, 571-227-2300. NOTE: The law requires that the request be answered within 20 working days of receipt. Cognizant offices are expected to respond by the suspense date.

Conduct a search for records, including e-mail records, responsive to the attached request and forward a legible copy (not the original) of all responsive records found to this office for further processing. If no records exist, a written negative report is required.

Identify any information in the responsive records you found during your search that you believe should be withheld, and explain why you believe its release would be harmful.

Estimate the direct search costs that you believe would be incurred in determining whether records responsive to the attached request are in your files. Do not initiate a search unless further advised by this office.

COMMENTS: SEE ACTUAL REQUEST

Indicate where you searched and what type of file the responsive documents were found in i.e., on desk, emails, filed by name, filed by SSN, in a general file. You may have responsive documents coming from multiple categories, please indicate for each document.

Please fill out tasking sheet and return to (b)(6), FOIA Office.
If you have any questions please contact (b)(6), (571) 227-

SEARCH TIME (Hrs)	ACTION OFFICE		ATTORNEY	
	PAY BAND	PROCESSING TIME (Hrs)	PAY BAND	TIME (Hrs)

DATE SEARCH BEGAN _____

This is to certify that all program files pertaining to the FOIA request have been searched and copies of all documents located have been furnished to the FOIA Office.

SIGNATURE OF INDIVIDUAL CERTIFYING ABOVE DATE SIGNED PAY BAND ROUTING SYMBOL

Suspense: 10/9/2008

FROM: Thomas Frank
USA Today
ACTION OFFICE(s): TSA-4 Christopher White
TSA-25(b)(6)

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DATE SEARCH BEGAN 2/23/09

This is to certify that all program files responsive to the FOIA request have been searched and copies of all doc (b)(6) files.

X TSA ACO does not have any information reports or database's that maintains communication w/ Consultants and Contractors hired by TSA.

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FOIA POCs direct e-mails replies to: (b)(6) @dhs.gov		
FOIA Case No.: TSA09-0008	Date: 4/12/11	
Action Office(s): TSA 21:(b)(6)		
Request Received From: Thomas Frank		
Requester Seeks: (see attached request for further description)		
SECTION II: FOIA POC		
Part A: Contact Information		
Name: (b)(6)	Phone No.: x7 (b)(2) (b)(6)	
Title:		
Part B: Recommendations (Check all that apply and provide appropriate responses)		
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FOIA POC Signature:		Date:

need to ask Public Affairs & Procurement whether we've
ever contracted for such services

TSA 09-0008

~~The 2 YEC summaries for TSA employees.~~

Approved

Task Offices: TSA-4

~~Research?~~

TSA-25

Check Privacy Act/perjury statement box: YES No

Print Acknowledgement Letter: YES No

Print Perjury Statement: YES No

Print Third Party Statement: YES No

w/ Expedited/Fear Waiver denied?

BeddingPoint / 2003 -> 2006

2 Survey customers



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October 2, 2008

TSA09-0008

Thomas Frank
USA Today
1100 New York Ave., NW, #200E
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Frank:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated September 22, 2008, in which you requested expedited processing. The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) FOIA Office received your FOIA request on October 2, 2008. Your request identification number is TSA09-0008. Please cite this number in any further Inquiry about this request. Specifically, you requested the following:

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Under the Department of Homeland Security's FOIA regulations, expedited processing of a FOIA request is warranted if it is determined that the request involves "circumstances in which the lack of expedited treatment could reasonably be expected to pose an imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual," or "an urgency to inform the public about an actual or alleged federal government activity, if made by a person primarily engaged in disseminating information" 6 CFR § 5.5(d)(1). Requesters that seek expedited processing must submit a statement explaining in detail the basis for the request, and must certify that the request is true and correct. 6 CFR 5.5(d)(3). See also 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(E).

After reviewing your October 2, 2008, FOIA request, TSA is denying your request for expedited processing. Your request failed to present any facts demonstrating a compelling need for expedited treatment under the standards discussed above.

With regard to your request for a fee waiver, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) evaluates fee waiver requests under the legal standard set forth above and the fee waiver policy guidance issued by the Department of Justice on April 2, 1987, as incorporated into the Department of Homeland Security's Freedom of Information Act regulations. These regulations set forth six factors to examine in

determining whether the applicable legal standard for fee waiver has been met. 6 CFR § 5.11(k)(2). We will consider these factors in our evaluation of your request for a fee waiver: (1) whether the subject of the requested records concerns "the operations or activities of the government"; (2) whether the disclosure is "likely to contribute" to an understanding of government operations or activities; (3) whether disclosure of the requested information will contribute to the understanding of the public at large, as opposed to the individual understanding of the requestor of a narrow segment of interested persons; (4) whether the contribution to public understanding of government operations or activities will be "significant"; (5) whether the requestor has a commercial interest that would be furthered by the requested disclosure; and (6) whether the magnitude of any identified commercial interest to the requestor is sufficiently large in comparison with the public interest in disclosure that disclosure is primarily in the commercial interest of the requestor.

As a requester, you bear the burden under the FOIA of showing that the fee waiver requirements have been met. A fee waiver is granted based on a determination that the substantive content of the disclosable portions of the records requested is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations or activities. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii). Information that is already in the public domain is not likely to contribute to public understanding.

After reviewing your October 2, 2008, request, TSA is denying your request for a fee waiver. However, as an "other" requester you receive two hours of search time and 100 pages free in response to your request.

In the event that you may wish to appeal this determination, an administrative appeal may be made in writing to Kimberly Walton, Special Counselor, Office of the Special Counselor, Transportation Security Administration, 601 South 12th Street, East Building, E7-121S, Arlington, VA 22202-4220. Your appeal **must be submitted within 60 days** from the date of this determination. It should contain your FOIA request number and state, to the extent possible, the reasons why you believe the initial determination should be reversed. In addition, the envelope in which the appeal is mailed in should be prominently marked "FOIA Appeal." Please note the Special Counselor's decision on your FOIA appeal will be administratively final. If you have any questions pertaining to your request, please feel free to contact the FOIA Office at 1-866-364-2872 or locally at 571-227-2300.

Sincerely,



Kevin J. Janet
FOIA Officer
Freedom of Information Act Office

Enclosure

SSI Review Request In-Take Form - FOIA

This form should only be completed and submitted by a member of TSA's FOIA Office

Please complete the top portion of this form and email it to SSI@dhs.gov.
Request Form's instructions and related FAQs are available at TSA's Intranet [future]
For guidance regarding sending SSI, see SSI Policy document titled "[future]" (#)

1. TSA FOIA OFFICE COORDINATOR'S INFORMATION			
(a) Name	(b)(6)	(b) Phone ext.	7- (b)(6)
(c) Backup's Name		(d) Phone ext	7- (b)(6)
2. DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENT			
(a) FOIA Number:	09-8		
(b) Originating Program Office	TSA-21		
(c) Total Page Count (not including request)	54		
3. REQUEST DETAILS			
(a) Name of FOIA Requestor	Thomas Frank/USA Today		
(b) Appeal?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
(c) Date Submitted:	10/4/2011	NOTE: Standard response time is 5 business days (starting 1 st business day after delivery)	
(d) List of any related FOIAs			
(e) Special Instructions or comments (i.e. note any gaps in page numbers, etc.)	All results from the 2006 and 2008 OSS surveys are responsive to Mr. Frank's request. These pages constitute one sample report from each of these years - reports were generated for all airports and offices (totaling over 18,000 pages) and are identical to one another other than the data itself. On the face of it, there is no SSI in these documents. However, OCC has concern that information regarding the happiness of employees at each location may reveal vulnerabilities and thus be SSI (their email explaining this is included in the file folder on the X drive).		
4. REVIEW DETAILS			
(a) I, as FOIA Coordinator, have clearly marked all recognized SSI			
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reason for no initial review:
(b) Citations for SSI Found (Enter "none" if seeking confirmation)	none		

Submit the documents for review only to the SSI Program Office's Coordinator or the appointed backup.
Please submit this form in the same format as the accompanying FOIA. (If FOIA is hard-copy, submit the intake form hard-copy.)

NEVER LEAVE A FOIA CONTAINING SSI IN AN UNATTENDED SSI PROGRAM OFFICE CUBE

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Arlington, VA 22202



Transportation
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Administration

Date: October 11, 2011

Subject: FOIA: TSA 09-0008
SSI Review No. 12-0010

From: Senior Analyst, SSI Program
Office of Security Services and Assessments

To: Yvonne L. Coates, FOIA Officer, FOIA/PA Division
Transportation Security Administration

Per your request, the attached file has been reviewed for Sensitive Security Information (SSI).
Our office has determined that it contains no SSI.

If, during your review or that of the Office of Chief Counsel, any questions arise regarding the
recommendations made by this office, please feel free to contact us on extension 7-3513.

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November 2, 2010

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Assign to

(b)(6)

FOIA Number: TSA09-0008

MEDIA Requester – Mr. Thomas Frank/USA Today

ATTN: FOIA OFFICER – Review and Concurrence

ISSUE:

Mr. Frank requested "access to and copies of communications and reports from all consultants and contractors hired by the Transportation Security Administration to solicit opinions, feedback and surveys from the traveling public and from TSA employees concerning airport security and TSA's mission". These documents were specifically to include "all reports from contractors to TSA concerning marketing, communications and messaging; results of all surveys, polls, focus groups and any other measurement of the opinion of the general public, the traveling public, and the TSA workforce; copies of all reports to the TSA from contractors engaged in efforts to determine opinions of the public, aviation travelers and TSA employees, and to develop and refine public-affairs outreach to the traveling public and TSA 'messaging'."

DISCUSSION:

- Request was tasked to TSA-4 and TSA-25. TSA-25 provided a no records response, TSA-4 provided 25 pages of documents – a PowerPoint provided to TSA by a contractor in 2007 (See RELEASABLE)
- TSA-4 describes this document as "all we have in the way of contracting for public opinion" (See BACKGROUND)

OCC. Sterling Payne has reviewed & is OK with release. (b)(6)

RECOMMENDATION:

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FOIA POC: (b)(6)

(b)(2) (b)(6)

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U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Freedom of Information Act Office
Arlington, VA 20598-6020



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FOIA Case Number: TSA 09-0008

Mr. Thomas Frank
USA Today
7950 Jones Branch Drive
McLean, VA 22108

Dear Mr. Frank:

This letter is an interim response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated September 22, 2008 and received in this office on October 2, 2008, that you made requesting "access to and copies of communications and reports from all consultants and contractors hired by the Transportation Security Administration to solicit opinions, feedback and surveys from the traveling public and from TSA employees concerning airport security and TSA's mission" and specifically requesting "all reports from contractors to TSA concerning marketing, communications and messaging; results of all surveys, polls, focus groups and any other measurement of the opinion of the general public, the traveling public, and the TSA workforce; copies of all reports to the TSA from contractors engaged in efforts to determine opinions of the public, aviation travelers and TSA employees, and to develop and refine public-affairs outreach to the traveling public and TSA 'messaging'." Your request has been processed under the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552.

A reasonable search within the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) was conducted for responsive documents and 178 pages of documents, consisting of national survey data from TSA's 2006 and 2008 Organizational Satisfaction Surveys, are being provided to you in their entirety at this time. Additional responsive documents to your request have been found in the course of search and will be addressed in future responses.

Fees

The fees incurred to process your request do not exceed the minimum threshold necessary for charge and, therefore, there are no fees associated with processing this request.

If you have any questions pertaining to your request, please feel free to contact the FOIA Office at 1-866-364-2872 toll-free or 571-227-2300 locally, or Kawika Riley in TSA's Office of Public Affairs at 571-227-1966.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Yvonne L. Coates". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "Y".

Yvonne L. Coates
Director, Freedom of Information Act Office
Office of the Special Counselor
Transportation Security Administration

Enclosures

(b)(6) <CTR>

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, February 04, 2009 1:56 PM
To: (b)(6) <CTR>
Subject: FW: NEW FOIA TASKING (REQUEST TSA09-008)

(b)(6) – I sent this back asking for assistance.

No clarification has been given to date.

Let me know how to proceed.

v/r

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, October 06, 2008 7:42 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: NEW FOIA TASKING (REQUEST TSA09-008)

(b)(6)

I am not sure this would be our FOIA in Acquisition – there is no reference to a contract – just information.

Please advise.

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, October 03, 2008 12:34 PM
To: White, Christopher <TSA PA>; (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) <CTR>
Subject: NEW FOIA TASKING (REQUEST TSA09-008)

Good afternoon,
Please see attachment below:

<< File: 09 0008.pdf >>

Identify any information in the responsive records you found during your search that you believe should be withheld, and explain why you believe its release would be harmful. Please forward all responses along with Tasking sheet. Please return the completed Tasking sheet to me even if there are no responsive records found (you may make a note no response found and sign and the time and pay band for your search time). We need it for our files.

Thank you in advance,

(b)(6)

Office of Special Counselor (OSC)
Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)
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From: (b)(6) <CTR>
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2009 11:01 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: FOIA Help

(b)(6)

Per to your request...

This maybe or may not be helpful, as follows:

Non Responsive

TSA09-0008- USA Today request doesn't require a contract number (they're requesting communications of reports from all consultants and contractors hired by TSA... etc.)

Please let me know if you have any more questions,

Thank you,

(b)(6)

Office of Special Counselor- FOIA
Department Of Homeland Security
Transportation Security Administration

Office: (571) 227-^{(b)(6)}

Fax: (571) 227-1406

(b)(6)@associates.dhs.gov

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2009 2:33 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: TSA09-0008
Attachments: Tasker and FOIA Request.pdf

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5/26/2009

(b)(6)

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Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2009 4:11 PM
To: Culmer, Jonella
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TSA Office of Public Affairs
(b)(2), (b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2009 4:10 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: Re: TSA09-0008

(b)(6), please send this to Sterling Payne - I no longer work in OPA.

Thanks.

From: (b)(6)
To: (b)(6)
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(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2011 12:46 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6); Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Subject: RE: 09-0008 new tasking

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

(b)(6)

Attached are the rest of the documents located for this request. The 2008 marketing plan I have is a draft with comments throughout – I do not have the final copy. (b)(6) is the director for my office and he has the discs with the 600+ local-level reports, which he told me he would get to you today I believe. Please let me know if you need anything else or have questions. Thanks,

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 5:15 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6); Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Subject: RE: 09-0008 new tasking

Thanks (b)(6) . (b)(5)

(b)(5)

(b)(6)
Freedom of Information Act Office
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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 4:42 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6); Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Subject: RE: 09-0008 new tasking

I think there may have been CDs made but there have been a few project managers to come and go since then, and I am no longer at HQ so I'll have to check. In the mean time, this is what I have so far. I have 5 emails from the contractor from that time period, but they have nothing in relation to communicating or marketing the survey. (b)(5)

(b)(5) Please advise. The 2008 marketing plan I have is only in draft form. I do not have the final.
Thanks,

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)

Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 4:37 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Subject: RE: 09-0008 new tasking

Thanks (b)(6) – it's appreciated.

For clarity on the scope of the reports requested, I just spoke with the requester. Sadly for us, he wants everything. Are the reports available electronically?

(b)(6)
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(571) 227-
[REDACTED]

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 4:11 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Subject: RE: 09-0008 new tasking

Okay, when we talked, I wrote down that you said we did not charge for printing, but we did for search and processing time. Regarding releasability, (b)(5)
[REDACTED]

Regarding your points below:

1. I will search my emails. I believe I only have 2 emails from the contractor at that time
2. We do not have any other communications from the contractor regarding how to message results other than project plans
3. No, there are 320 and 327 reports, not surveys. If those are not responsive, we will provide the aggregated national results – but I'm not sure what your statement means. Reports are the results.

Thanks,

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 3:58 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Subject: RE: 09-0008 new tasking

On the fees, it's the opposite. Under FOIA, we can charge media requesters for printing, but we can't charge them for search and processing time. That said, (b)(5)
[REDACTED]

(b)(5)

Regarding each of your questions:

1. The employee satisfaction surveys themselves are responsive. I discussed the matter with the requester at length – he is aware of the surveys and the information in them is essentially what he is looking for. As for communications with the contractor, you are correct that the wording of the request is overly broad. I believe

(b)(5)

2. I believe (b)(5)

3. When you say there are 327 and 320 “reports” below, are you talking about returned surveys? I don’t believe

(b)(5)

Please call or email me if you have any further questions or need additional information. Thank you.

(b)(6)

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(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)

Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 2:57 PM

To: (b)(6)

Cc: (b)(6)

Subject: RE: 09-0008 new tasking

Hi (b)(6)

We have prepared a response to the referenced request and have more questions as indicated below. We did have some confusion in collecting responsive documents due to the vagueness of the request. In parts it requests survey results on airport security and TSA's mission, which our surveys are not. Questions employees respond to about satisfaction with work-life are the same as questions about security or the mission. In other parts the requestor seems to be searching for surveys results on how changes are communicated to employees and the general public (assuming from the timing of the request this was due to the liquids/gels ban). Our survey may have only one question on how changes are communicated to employees. He also does not specifically request surveys by location, so we weren't clear on how that works. Do we normally present requestors with what we do have so they can choose what they would like? If the purpose is to examine overall results for TSA, those are publicly available (for example: <http://www.govexec.com/pdfs/012609ar1.pdf>).

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That having been said, we did search for applicable records. I tried to discern what the request was saying, and pulled out those portions in bold with our response after. Currently we estimate the search to have taken approximately 8 hours and below are details of what was found. I know you said we do not charge for printing (although I read [here](#) that "Educational and news media requesters are charged for duplication costs in excess of 100 pages") but do we need to estimate a total for the "Processing Time" hours that would be required to print and compile all reports? Please let us know and we will include if required. Thank you,

(b)(6)

1. **Copies of communications and reports from all consultants and contractors hired by the TSA to solicit opinions, feedback and surveys from the traveling public and TSA employees concerning airport security and TSA's mission** – My office does not conduct surveys with the traveling public. We do conduct satisfaction surveys with TSA employees and used an outside contractor in years 2006 and 2008. However the focus of these surveys are not "concerning airport security or TSA's mission." Questions are related to employee satisfaction with various aspects of their job and organization (e.g., satisfaction with leadership, pay, career advancement, etc.). There are a few items within each survey related to communication/understanding of the mission.
 - a. What would communication from the contractor include? Any email they sent on any topic to anyone at TSA?
2. **Information requested should include all reports from the contractor to TSA concerning marketing, communications and messaging:** If this means how the surveys would have been marketed, the only reports we have from the contractor that may fit this request would be the project plans – please advise.
3. **Results of all surveys, polls, focus groups and any other measurement of the general public, the traveling public, or the TSA workforce:** We do not have any information from the general or traveling public, but see below for the volume of reports from the TSA workforce in 2006 and 2008 related to this request

4. *Copies of all reports to the TSA from contractors engaged in efforts to determine opinions of the public, aviation travelers, and TSA employees to develop and refine public-affairs outreach to the traveling public and TSA "messaging":* If I am understanding this part of the request correctly, we do not have any reports from any contractor on outreach to the travelling public.

2006 Reports

- 327 reports at 29 pages each = 9,483 pages
- 12 page corporate snapshots
- 31 page senior leadership report
- 16 page comments analysis report

2008 Reports

- 320 reports at approximately 30 pages each (some are 30 pages, some are 31) = 9,691 pages
- 11 page white mail report
- Note: in 2008, corporate snapshots and senior leadership report were created internally, so they are not included here
- Not sure if the database counts as a "report" for 2006 and 2008 but we would want to withhold if possible to protect anonymity of respondents. The database essentially shows individually completed surveys as it includes singular demographic information from each respondent (although no PII).

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, April 15, 2011 9:59 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: 09-0008 new tasking

Hi (b)(6),

(b)(6) told me to contact you with questions on this request. I called and left you a voicemail this morning, but wasn't sure if you were in. Could we discuss this morning if you are? I'm not really clear on what the requestor is looking for so I wanted to clarify first. You can reach me at (b)(6). Thank you,

(b)(6)
Program Analyst
Organizational Assessment Services

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2011 2:09 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: 09-0008 new tasking

(b)(6) – is this something you can assist with? Thanks!

(b)(6)
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(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 10:39 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: 09-0008 new tasking

Hi (b)(6)

Please see forwarded FOIA request and (b)(6) e-mail. Please advise if you have any responsive documents.

Thanks,

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

Office of Human Capital, W4-2185
571-227-
(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2011 5:41 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: 09-0008 new tasking

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Thanks in advance,

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(571) 227-
[REDACTED]

(b)(6)

From: Culmer, Jonella
Sent: Monday, August 03, 2009 12:47 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: TSA09-0008
Attachments: BlueLime final report dec 07.ppt

(b)(6)

I wasn't sure how to best respond to the FOIA request. So, I've attached what all we have in the way of contracting for public opinion. The attached document is a powerpoint presentation we received from BlueLime, the group that did the surveying.

If you need anything else, please don't hesitate to ask.

I apologize for the delay.

Regards,

Jonella J. Culmer

Office of Strategic Communications and Public Affairs

Transportation Security Administration

jonella.culmer@dhs.gov

office: 571.227-^{(b)(6)}

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2011 5:45 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: Question re:2007 contract with BlueLime

(b)(6)

This is actually not a FOIA tasking but rather a request to help out with a FOIA case. We have a request from someone that involves documents produced under a contract that OPA had with BlueLime in 2007 to gauge public opinion of TSA. In order to figure out what documents are responsive and what documents aren't responsive, I need to find out what exactly TSA asked BlueLime to do – so I need to know what the scope of that contract was. Is there any way that you could pull that contract and forward it to me so that I can review it? Please call me if you have any questions. Thanks.

(b)(6)
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Transportation Security Administration
(571) 227- (b)(6)

(b)(6)

From: Frank, Tom (b)(6)@usatoday.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2011 11:13 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Your FOIA request TSA09-0008

Hi, (b)(6)

Thanks for your call and your email.
Here is updated contact information for me:

Phone: (b)(6)
Address: USA Today
7950 Jones Branch Drive
McLean, VA, 22108

Thanks for your help.

Tom Frank

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) [mailto:(b)(6)@dhs.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2011 5:47 PM
To: Frank, Tom
Subject: Your FOIA request TSA09-0008

Mr. Frank,

I've recently taken over work on your FOIA request TSA09-0008 (request for copies of communications and reports from private contractors and consultants hired by TSA to solicit public opinion). First and foremost, please allow me to sincerely apologize for the extreme delay in our processing of this request.

I wanted to discuss the nature of the request with you, including going over the responsive records we have found. Additionally, I'd like to clarify the nature of the documents you are seeking to ensure that the search for records was done thoroughly and correctly, including determining on our end whether an additional search needs to be conducted.

I attempted to reach you on the phone number listed on your request, but it appears that number is either no longer yours or is not set up to receive voicemail. So could you please give me a call at your earliest convenience? Thank you.

I look forward to speaking with you.

(b)(6)
Freedom of Information Act Office
Transportation Security Administration
(571) 227- (b)(6)

(b)(6)

<CTR>

From: Matt Thurber (b)(6)@ainonline.com]
Sent: Friday, October 17, 2008 12:27 PM
To: Foia
Subject: FOIA request

This is a Freedom of Information Act Request.

Please provide a copy of any risk assessments of the general aviation industry performed by the Transportation Security Administration.

We are willing to pay fees of up to \$1000 for this information.

Any format is acceptable.

Thank you,

Matt Thurber
Senior Editor
Aviation International News
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Ph: (b)(6)
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TSA FOIA DIVISION - 571-227-2300
FOIA CASE NO: TSA09-0058
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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

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Date Rec'd: 10/29/2008

TSA09-0058

Suspense: 11/5/2008

FROM: **Matt Thurber**

Aviation International News

ACTION OFFICE(s): TSA 28(b)(6)

The attached request is to be responded to ONLY by the FOIA Office. Please return information requested to TSA-20 Rm: 11th floor, 205S, East Tower. If you require any assistance, please contact FOIA office, 571-227-2300. NOTE: The law requires that the request be answered within 20 working days of receipt. Cognizant offices are expected to respond by the suspense date.

Conduct a search for records, *including e-mail records*, responsive to the attached request and forward a *legible copy (not the original) of all responsive records found* to this office for further processing. If no records exist, a written negative report is required.

Identify any information in the responsive records you found during your search that you believe should be withheld, and explain why you believe its release would be harmful.

Estimate the direct search costs that you believe would be incurred in determining whether records responsive to the attached request are in your files. **Do not initiate a search unless further advised by this office.**

COMMENTS: Req copy of any risk assessments of the gneral aviation industry performed by the TSA.

Indicate where you searched and what type of file the responsive documents were found in i.e., on desk, emails, filed by name, filed by SSN, in a general file. You may have responsive documents coming from multiple categories, please indicate for each document.

SEARCH TIME (Hrs)	<u>ACTION OFFICE</u>		<u>ATTORNEY</u>	
	PAY BAND	PROCESSING TIME (Hrs)	PAY BAND	TIME (Hrs)
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DATE SEARCH BEGAN _____

This is to certify that all program files pertaining to the FOIA request have been searched and copies of all documents located have been furnished to the FOIA Office.

SIGNATURE OF INDIVIDUAL CERTIFYING ABOVE DATE SIGNED PAY BAND ROUTING SYM^{PT}

SSI Review Request In-Take Form - FOIA

*This form should only be completed and submitted by a member of
TSA's FOIA Office*

Please complete the top portion of this form and email it to SSI@dhs.gov.
Request Form's instructions and related FAQs are available at TSA's Intranet [future]
For guidance regarding sending SSI, see SSI Policy document titled "[future]" (#)

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(a) Name	(b)(6)	(b) Phone ext.	7- (b)(6)
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2. DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENT			
(a) FOIA Number:	TSA09-58		
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(a) Name of FOIA Requestor	Matt Thurber		
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U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Arlington, VA 22202



Transportation
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Date: April 6, 2011

Subject: FOIA: TSA09-0058 Re-review

Gen. Av. Risk Assessment RRM

From: (b)(6), SSI Program
Office of Law Enforcement/FAMS

To: Yvonne Coates, FOIA Officer, FOIA/PA Division
Transportation Security Administration

Per your request, the attached file has been reviewed for Sensitive Security Information (SSI). The information identified as SSI reveals vulnerability assessments information. Therefore, the information in the file should be withheld under FOIA Exemption 3 – 49 CFR 1520.5(b)(5). Please note that additional FOIA exemptions might apply to other portions of the documents.

Our shorthand for redaction citations, as you know, is to note the paragraph within 49 CFR 1520.5(b). Thus, for example: (6)(i) means Exemption 3 – 49 CFR 1520.5(b)(6)(i). The term “RLS” is shorthand for release, meaning to “ignore any previous SSI redactions because this information is not SSI and Exemption 3 does not apply”; the term “WIF” is shorthand for “withhold this entire page [or document] in full”; “RIF” means “this entire page [or document] is not SSI and Exemption 3 does not apply.”

If, during your review or that of the Office of Chief Counsel (OCC), any questions arise regarding the recommendations made by this branch, please feel free to contact us on extension 7-3513.

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

October 29, 2008

TSA09-0058

Mr. Matt Thurber
Aviation International News
4572 Via Marina #302
Marina del Ray, CA 90292



Transportation
Security
Administration

Dear Mr. Thurber:

This is to inform you that on October 29, 2008, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Office received your FOIA request dated October 17, 2008. Your request has been given identification number TSA09-0058. Please cite this number in any further Inquiry about this request.

I must advise you that depending upon the category of requester you fall in, fees may be charged for searching for records sought at the respective clerical, professional, and/or managerial rates of \$4.00/\$7.00/\$10.25 per quarter hour, and for duplication costs of \$.10 per page. In accordance with 6 C.F.R. §5.3(c), if you make a FOIA request, it shall be a firm commitment by you to pay all applicable fees charged under § 5.11 up to \$25.00. The combined charges for search and duplication must exceed \$14.00 before we will charge you any fees. Many requests do not require fees; however, if fees exceed \$25.00, we will notify you beforehand.

TSA uses a multi-track system to process requests on a first-in, first-out basis. Simple requests are able to be answered more quickly and will be placed on the fast track of our multi-track processing. More complex requests generally require significant processing time. Although TSA's goal is to respond within 20 business days of receipt of your request, the FOIA does permit a 10-day extension of this time period. If your request involves a voluminous amount of records, requires that we collect records from separate offices, or requires that we consult with another agency, TSA will invoke the 10-day extension for your request.

If you would like to narrow the scope of your request, we may be able to respond more quickly. Please contact us if you wish to narrow your request or arrange for an alternative time period to complete the processing. We can be reached at the following toll free number (866) 364-2872.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Janet".

Kevin J. Janet
FOIA Officer
Freedom of Information Act Office
TSA Headquarters, TSA-20

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Task Offices:

TSA-28

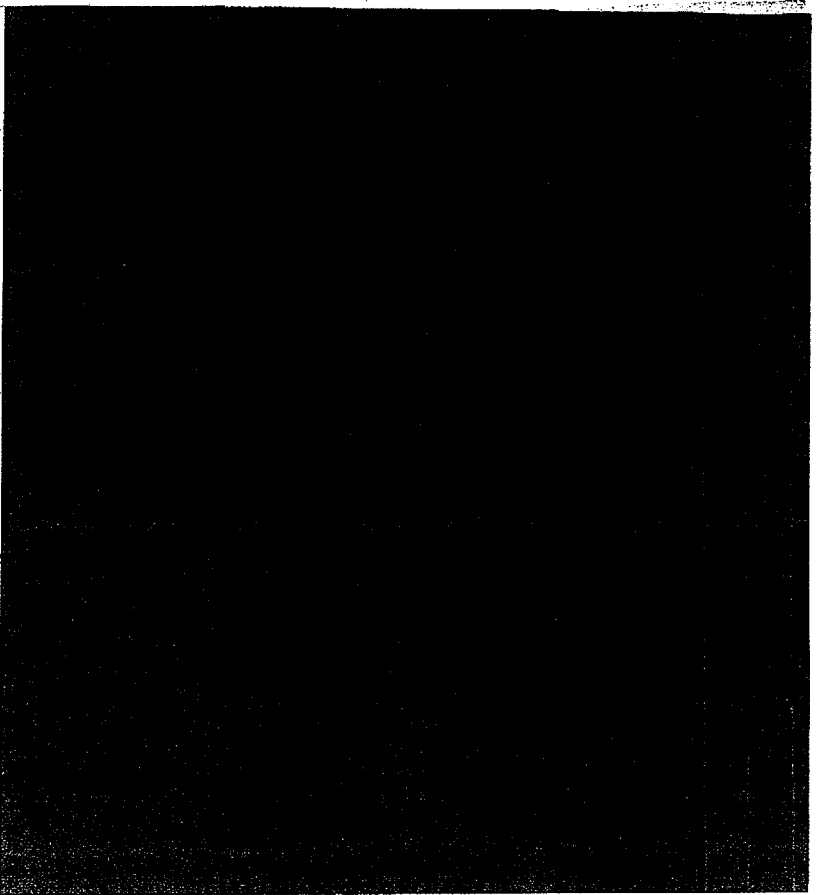
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Print Perjury Statement: YES No

Print Third Party Statement: YES No

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 could be SSI
 (b)(6) (b)(6)
 see notes of meeting.



(b)(6) <CTR>

TSA09-0058

From: Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2008 8:18 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) <CTR>
Subject: FW: New FOIA Tasking
Attachments: DHS MD 11042.1.pdf

(b)(6) here are some answers to the questions raised in your email to (b)(6). The "FOUO" designation placed on federal records has little or no bearing on whether information is exempt from access under the FOIA. The DHS definition for FOUO is provided in the attached DHS MD on sensitive but unclassified information. As provided in the DHS MD: **"Information designated as FOUO is not automatically exempt from disclosure under the provisions of [the FOIA]. Information requested by the public under a FOIA must still be reviewed on a case-by-case basis."**

TSA would not be releasing another agency's records, especially ones that are marked drafts. However, we will need your Office to collect up what you have so we can account for them and respond to the requester with TSA's release determination. Once we are in possession of the records, the FOIA Office (with TSNM recommendations) can determine predecisional status and any other protected interests under the FOIA.

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(b)(5) Bottom line, will need TSNM to search for and produce the records to the FOIA as quickly as possible. If you or anyone else in the Office have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

From: (b)(6) <CTR>
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2008 4:09 PM
To: (b)(6) <TSA FOIA>
Subject: FW: New FOIA Tasking

(b)(6)
FOIA Office (TSA-20)
TSA's Office of the Special Counselor (OSC)
(571) 227-
(b)(6)@associates.dhs.gov

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2008 10:56 AM
To: (b)(6) <CTR>
Subject: RE: New FOIA Tasking

Hi (b)(6)

I have a couple of questions:

1) The action office would like to know if For Official Use Only (FOUO) is considered FOIAable? The documentation they are pulling together for the risk assessment has never been released outside of TSA and is still considered pre-decisional by the agency and DHS; also the document needs some serious groundwork

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before it is released.

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Could you please assist me with this?

Thanks

(b)(6)

(b)(6) | TSNM/BMO/Communications

Phone: (571) 227- [redacted] | Email (b)(6)@dhs.gov

From: (b)(6) <CTR>
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2008 10:13 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: New FOIA Tasking

Also, please note I could not find you in the database with (b)(6)

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(571) 227- [redacted]
(b)(6)@associates.dhs.gov

10/30/2008

Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>

From: Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>
Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2008 4:10 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>; (b)(6); (b)(6) <CTR>
Subject: RE: FOIA Request 09-0058
Attachments: FW: New FOIA Tasking

Tracking:

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(b)(6)	Read: 11/12/2008 4:26 PM
(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>	Read: 11/12/2008 4:26 PM
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(b)(6) <CTR>	Read: 11/13/2008 7:50 AM

(b)(6), here is the response I sent you on October 30th, one day after you inquired with my admin assistant. I think I answered all of your questions.

Risk assessments and threat assessments are two different subject matters. (b)(5)
 Regarding the GA Risk Assessment, we can have a meeting if necessary but I think I understand your basic concerns and we can address them as the report is processed. Please send me a meeting request at your earliest convenience - we are long past due on getting this Request responded to. Assuming these records contain SSI, they will be reviewed by the SSI Office who will consult Subject Matter Experts as needed. Finally, TSNM can review and concur, or otherwise express their objections to any information that may be proposed for release. OCC can take part in these discussions.

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2008 2:58 PM
To: Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>; (b)(6) <CTR>
Cc: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>; (b)(6)
Subject: FW: FOIA Request 09-0058

Hello,

I never heard back from anyone and I just wanted to follow up and see if we (TSNM) could meet about our concerns with this FOIA request?

Thanks

(b)(6)
 (b)(6) | TSNM/BMO/Communications
 Phone: (571) 227-(b)(2), (b)(6) Email: (b)(6)@dhs.gov

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, November 05, 2008 2:09 PM
To: Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>; (b)(6) <CTR>
Cc: (b)(6)

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Could you please assist me with this?

Thanks

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(b)(6) | TSNM/BMO/Communications

Phone: (571) 227-(b)(6) Email (b)(6)@dhs.gov

From: (b)(6) <CTR>
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2008 10:13 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: New FOIA Tasking

Also, please note I could not find you in the database with (b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 11:44 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6); Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>; (b)(6)
Subject: RE: FOIA 09-0058, inter-office consultations required

(b)(6) thank you for the in depth feedback and status on this FOIA.

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(b)(6)
DP: 571-227-
BB: (b)(6)
Office of the Special Counselor - Detail
E11 - 205-S
601 South 12 Street
Arlington, VA 20598-6031

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 11:27 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FOIA 09-0058, inter-office consultations required

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As previously discussed. (b)(5)

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At this point I have no timeline for completion.

(b)(6)

Sensitive Security Information Office, OSC
571-227- (w)
(b)(2), (b)(6) (c)

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From: (b)(6) <TSA FOIA>
Sent: Thursday, May 07, 2009 8:30 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: Throw weight study

fyi.....

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Sent: Wednesday, May 06, 2009 8:35 AM
To: 'Thompson, Mardi <TSA OCC>'; (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>; Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>
Subject: RE: Throw weight study

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(b)(6)
Attorney-Advisor
Office of Chief Counsel
Transportation Security Administration
571-227-^{(b)(6)}

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-----Original Message-----

From: Thompson, Mardi <TSA OCC> [mailto:(b)(6)@dhs.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 06, 2009 8:12 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Subject: Throw weight study

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Mardi Ruth Thompson
Deputy Chief Counsel (Regulations & Security Standards) Transportation Security Administration

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2009 4:24 PM
To: Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>; (b)(6)
Subject: FW: "Throw Weight Study" aka General Aviation Risk Assessment

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49 CFR 1520 says;

§ 1520.1 Scope.

(a) *Applicability.* This part governs the maintenance, safeguarding, and disclosure of records and information that TSA has determined to be Sensitive Security Information, as defined in § 1520.5. This part does not apply to the maintenance, safeguarding, or disclosure of classified national security information, as defined by Executive Order 12968, or to other sensitive unclassified information that is not SSI, but that nonetheless may be exempt from public disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. In addition, in the case of information that has been designated as critical infrastructure information under section 214 of the Homeland Security Act, the receipt, maintenance, or disclosure of such information by a Federal agency or employee is governed by section 214 and any implementing regulations, not by this part.

§ 1520.5 Sensitive security information.

(a) *In general.* In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 114(s), SSI is information obtained or developed in the conduct of security activities, including research and development, the disclosure of which TSA has determined would be detrimental to the security of transportation.

(16) Other information. Any information not otherwise described in this section that TSA determines is SSI under 49 U.S.C. 114(s) or that the Secretary of DOT determines is SSI under 49 U.S.C. 40119. Upon the request of another Federal agency, TSA or the Secretary of DOT may designate as SSI information not otherwise described in this section.

(b)(6)

DP: 571-227

BB: (b)(2), (b)(6)

Office of the Special Counselor - Detail
E11 - 205-S
601 South 12 Street
Arlington, VA 20598-6031

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2009 3:50 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: "Throw Weight Study" aka General Aviation Risk Assessment

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This is the document I reviewed in 2007 and said was FOUO. Recently FOIA'd and brought to the attention of Gale Rossides by OCC.

Victoria Newhouse set up a meeting to discuss process to which you and [REDACTED] were invited [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

As this is getting a lot of visibility I wanted to get in writing whether you considered this to be a formal challenge.

(b)(6)

Sensitive Security Information Office, OSC

571-227-[REDACTED] (w)

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From: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2009 10:37 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>; Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>
Subject: TSA09-0058 GA risk assessment

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Office of Chief Counsel
Transportation Security Administration

(b)(6)@dhs.gov

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have no such record*

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, April 06, 2011 8:32 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: TSA09-0058 and TSA09-0264

Can u please tell me the status of the above mentioned FOIA? It has been pending in the SSI Office for a long time. According to (b)(6) notes, this file was sent for an SSI review on 2/18/2009. As you can see below I called the requester two months ago to see if he was still interested in this two year old request but to no avail. Will reconnect sometime today with him.

This request was filed by Matt Thurber/Aviation International News. This request (TSA09-0058) pertains to the GA Risk Assessment prepared for TSA by the Homeland Security Institute. The second request (TSA09-0264), pertains to civil aviation (general aviation) threat assessments. The 11/2007 threat assessment report prepared by OI, contains information very similar to that found in the GA Threat Assessment report, such as GA facts, figures and definitions as well as general information about terrorists and other potential bad actors.

The 11/2007 threat assessment is heavily footnoted for its content. Of the 22 footnotes, 20 are public sources (published media reports and public source internet content). The final two foot notes pertain to al-Qa'ida alleged terrorist plots, one of which (b)(6) found on MSNBC: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/5626850/>. The second one pertains to an anonymous source giving information about an alleged l-Qa'ida plot to use helicopters to crash into the Library Tower/Los Angeles. The terrorists' supposed interest in the Library Tower is widely published.

Regarding the 12/2008 threat assessment, (b)(6) ran numerous queries of the data and found the information to be publicly available. Any information you can provide us regarding these FOIAs would be appreciated!!

Thanks,

(b)(6)

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Freedom of Information Act Office (TSA-20)
Office of the Special Counselor
571-227- (b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2011 12:26 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: TSA09-0058 and TSA09-0264

(b)(6)

Just checking on the status of these two FOIAs that were assigned to (b)(6) and sent to the SSI Office. After reviewing (b)(6) notes, and the email(s) dated 2/2/10 and 2/25/10 both from (b)(6) is re-reviewing 09-024 to determine if there is SSI based on what information is SSI in Parts I and II in 09-0058.

In the meantime, cross your fingers, I will contact the requester to see if he is still interested.

Thanks,

(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2010 3:34 PM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; (b)(6); Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>(b)(6)
Subject: As per our meetings today on FOIAs 09-0058 and 09-0264

This is a summary of our meeting today on the General Aviation (GA) FOIAs 09-0058 and 09-0264.

09-0058
FOIA 09-0264 consist of three reports:

- Part I Final Report
- Part II Appendices
- Part III Classified Report

The Part I and Part II have been reviewed for SSI by the SSI Branch (b)(6) SMEs, and OCC (b)(6) please provide the name(s) of the SMEs who worked on this issue.

Part III will need to reviewed to determine if the information can be de-classified. Kevin has the lead on the issue of Part III. The FOIA 09-0264 is currently in the FOIA Office until the issue of Part III is resolved.

FOIA 09-0264 is with the SSI Branch. The SSI Branch will review Part I and Part II and use these documents as a guideline to determine if there is any information in FOIA 09-0264 that may be protected as SSI. (b)(6) and (b)(6) will be re-reviewing this FOIA.

Thanks everyone.

(b)(6)

Sensitive Security Information (SSI) Branch
Business Management Office
Office of Intelligence (TSA-10)
Transportation Security Administration
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
(571) 227- (b)(6)

(b)(6)

From: Matt Thurber (b)(6) [redacted]@ainonline.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2011 5:52 PM
To: (b)(6) [redacted]
Subject: Re: FOIA Case Number(s): TSA09-0058 and TSA09-0264

Thank you, (b)(6) [redacted]

Yes, this FOIA request remains active and I would like to follow it through.

I appreciate your getting in touch.

Regards,

Matt



On Thu, Jun 2, 2011 at 11:11 AM, (b)(6) [redacted]@tsa.dhs.gov> wrote:

Dear Mr. Thurber:

This email is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request(s) to the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), dated October 17, 2008 and January 29, 2009, in which you requested "a copy of any risk assessments of the general aviation industry performed by the Transportation Security Administration.

We regret that we did not advise you that due to the increasing number of FOIA requests received by this office, we could encounter some delay in processing your request. We are advising you now and sincerely apologize for the lengthy delay and any inconvenience it may have caused. However, we want to let you know that we have been making earnest and diligent efforts to reduce the backlog of cases, and that your file is scheduled to be reviewed in the near future.

Before we begin the time-consuming review process, we want to ensure that you are still interested in continuing the processing of this request. Please indicate your continued interest in pursuing these records within 30 days from the date of this letter, or we will assume you are no longer interested in this FOIA request, and the case will be administratively closed.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please refer to TSA09-0058 and TSA09-0264. I can be reached at 1-571-227-[redacted]. Again, please accept our apology for the lengthy delay.

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

FOIA Office (TSA-20)

TSA's Office of the Special Counselor (OSC)

571-227-**(b)(2) (b)(6)**

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, July 08, 2011 1:32 PM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <EP-TSOC>;
Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Outstanding FOIAs for GA Risk Assessments

I just heard from our contractor that the document in question – Secret Level Annex is 22 pages

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, July 08, 2011 11:13 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <EP-TSOC>; (b)(6); Johnson, Robert S <TSA
OCC>; (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Outstanding FOIAs for GA Risk Assessments

I did not see the document in our safe.

-----Original Appointment-----

From: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2011 11:19 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <EP-TSOC>; Coates, Yvonne <TSA
OSC>; (b)(6) Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6)
Subject: Outstanding FOIAs for GA Risk Assessments
When: Friday, July 08, 2011 10:30 AM-11:00 AM (GMT-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: HQE12-001N 18 Seat Conference Room

TSA has 3 outstanding FOIA requests for the 3-volume GA Risk Assessment: TSA09-0058, TSA09-0168 & TSA09-0264. As some of you will recall, the initial review of the risk assessment found no SSI.

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The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether the Gale briefing is still needed. If so, is the margin annotation still needed?

MESSAGE

For (b)(6) date 1/21/09
from (b)(6) time 7:24 AM
phone (b)(6)
message Public Affairs Personnel
Contact Info:
09-0058
best call back time

Ret call
2-9-9
@ 1:22P

Who: Matt Thurber - MEDIA

What: Copy of RISK ASSESSMENTS
OF Gen. AVIATION IND.
performed by TSA

Why: FOIA of 1966 5 USC 552

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U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Arlington, VA 22202



Transportation
Security
Administration

Date: March 6, 2009
Subject: FOIA: TSA09-0058
From: Director, SSI Office
Office of the Special Counselor
To: Kevin Janet, FOIA Officer, FOIA/PA Division
Transportation Security Administration

Per your request, the attached file has been reviewed for Sensitive Security Information (SSI).
Our office has determined that it contains no SSI.

If, during your review or that of the Office of Chief Counsel, any questions arise regarding the
recommendations made by this office, please feel free to contact us on extension 7-3513.

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

Andrew Colsky

Attachments: TSA09-0058

OBE

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2011 1:55 PM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: 09-0058 and 09-0264

UPDATE

(b)(6) returned both files today and told me they were sent back to SSI on August 19, 2011. I was under the assumption that both files were being circulated by BJ for coordination, (b)(6) stated they would probably be here at headquarters for awhile. Essentially it doesn't appear that they will be released anytime soon. YC updated FileMaker August 22, 2011.

I guess we continue to hold on to the files until further notice.

(b)(6)

Tracking:

FOIA 2009



Yvonne Coates Modified By 2/11/2009 Date Entered 8/22/2011 Date Modified

Log Number TSA09-0264 Entered By (b)(6)

Date of Request 1/29/2009 Recv'd in FOIA 2/11/2009 Date Assigned Processor (b)(6)

Recv'd Via Mail Request Type A Administrative

Fee Category Media/Press Total Amount Due 0.00 Advanced Fee Paid

Date Money Recv'd Suspense 2/18/2009 Days Overdue 628 New Suspense

Tasking and OCC Tracking Total OCC Days 148 Pending Review/concurrence

Expedited Proc. Request Granted Denied

Fee Waiver Request Granted Denied

Process Type Complex Expedited Requested

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Waiting for: Tolling: Unperfected Request: Perjury Statement:

To SSI: 8/19/2011 SSI Days From SSI:

Requester First Name Last Name Middle Matt Thurber

Company Aviation International News

Address 4572 Via Marina #302 High Profile

Marina Del Rey CA 90292 Envelope Label

Contract Numbers

Requested Document Seeking TSA to Provide answers to various questions relating to security threat assessment or evaluation of the general aviation industry or general aviation aircraft operations. See file for details.

Table with columns: To OCC, Days, From OCC. Includes dates like 9/4/2009, 6/27/2011, 7/8/2011 and days 73, 3, 72.

Disposition of Requests Other Reasons for Nondisclosure Exemption 552b

Exemption 3 Statute Interim Response



Log Number: TSA09-0058
Entered By: (b)(6)

Date of Request: 10/17/2008
Recv'd in FOIA: 10/29/2008
Date Assigned: 5/19/2011
Processor: (b)(6)

Recv'd Via: Email
Request Type: Technical

Expedited Proc. Request: Granted Denied Granted/Denied

Fee Waiver Request: Granted Denied Granted/Denied

Process Type: Complex
Expedited Requested:

Requester First Name: Matt
Last Name: Thurber
Middle:

Company: Aviation International News

Address: 4572 Via Marina #302

Marina del Ray, CA 90292
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Contract Numbers:

Requested Document:

Req copy of any risk assesments of the general aviation industry performed by the TSA.

Yvonne Coates
Modified By
10/29/2008
Date Entered
8/22/2011
Date Modified

Fee Category: Media/Press
Total Amount Due: 0.00
Advanced Fee Paid:

Date Money Recv'd:
Suspense: 11/5/2008
Days Overdue: 707
New Suspense:

Tasking and OCC: Tracking
Total OCC Days: 215
Pending: Review/concurrence

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Tracking

Disposition of Requests
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Other Reasons for Nondisclosure: 7 a b c d e f 9

Exemption 3 Statute: Edit

Interim Response:

(b)(6)

From: Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>
Sent: Thursday, May 07, 2009 11:28 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; Thompson, Mardi <TSA OCC>; (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6); Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>
Subject: FW: TSA09-0058 GA risk assessments, TSA09-0264 GA threat assessment
Attachments: 2007nov report.pdf; Civil Aviation Threat Assessment dec 08.pdf; tasking emails to tsa10.pdf

Consider this an operational heads-up, especially for OI. This is a second request filed by Matt Thurber/Aviation International News. The first request (TSA09-0058) pertains to the GA Risk Assessment prepared for TSA by the Homeland Security Institute. This request (TSA09-0264), pertains to civil aviation (general aviation) threat assessments. The 11/2007 threat assessment report prepared by OI, contains information very similar to that found in the GA Threat Assessment report, such as GA facts, figures and definitions as well as general information about terrorists and other potential bad actors. (I understand OCC will recommend release of the GA Risk Assessment Report in full). The 11/2007 threat assessment is heavily footnoted for its content. Of the 22 footnotes, 20 are public sources (published media reports and public source internet content.) The final two footnotes pertain to al-Qa'ida alleged terrorist plots, one of which I found on MSNBC: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/5626850/>. The second one pertains to an anonymous source giving information about an alleged al-Qa'ida plot to use helicopters to crash into the Library Tower/Los Angeles. The terrorists' supposed interest in the Library Tower is widely published.

Regarding the 12/2008 threat assessment, I have run numerous queries of the data and found the information to be publicly available.

SSI is currently reviewing the reports. (b)(5)

(b)(6) has asked the FOIA Office to advise OI of the decision prior to release and we will do so. (b)(6) I am open to hearing any concerns your office may have regarding the release of these records.

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, May 07, 2009 8:36 AM
To: Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>
Subject: TSA09-0264 another sensitive issue like 09-0058

(b)(6)

Office of Special Counselor (OSC),
FOIA OFFICE
Transportation Security Administration
571-227-**(b)(6)**

April 2, 2009

FOIA Number: TSA09-0058 (Matt Thurber) - media

ISSUE: Mr. Matt Thurber requested the attached information (see incoming tab).

DISCUSSION:

- Tasked to TSA-28 and responsive documents were received (volume one and two –See Release Tab).
- Volume one and two were sent to SSI for review (no SSI found - See Recommend Tab).
- TSA-28 deemed this material to be pre-decisional and should be withheld (See Background Tab).

FEES: none

Search:

Duplication:

Review:

Total:

RELEASABLE:

- We are withholding 177 pages in full, releasing portions of 4 pages and releasing 38 pages in full to the requester.

COMMENDATION:

(b)(5)

IA POC: (b)(6)

(b)(6)



1200 Eighteenth St. NW, Suite 400
 Washington, DC 20036
 (202) 783-9000 | www.nbaa.org

December 1, 2008

Kevin J. Janet
 FOIA Officer
 Transportation Security Administration, TSA-20, East Tower
 FOIA Division
 601 South 12th Street
 Arlington, VA 22202-4220
 Email - FOIA.TSA@dhs.gov

Hugo Teufel III
 Chief FOIA Officer
 FOIA Office
 U.S. Department of Homeland Security
 245 Murray Drive, S.W.
 STOP-0550
 Washington, DC 20528-0550
 Email: foia@dhs.gov

Departmental Disclosure Office
 U.S. Department of Homeland Security
 Washington, DC 20528

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Mr. Janet and Mr. Teufel:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, and 6 C.F.R. Part 5, the National Business Aviation Association ("NBAA") hereby requests that the Transportation Security Administration ("TSA") and U.S. Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") provide to it copies of the following:

- (1) All documents¹ and records concerning the "four scenarios" dealing with the destructive capability of an aircraft in addition to loss of life and property, as discussed in the pending Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, "Large Aircraft Security Program, Other Aircraft Operator Security Program, and Airport Operator Security Program," 73 Fed. Reg. 64790, 64822-824 (October 30, 2008) (the "NPRM").

¹ The term "documents" encompasses memoranda, letters, correspondence, notes, data, reports, emails, presentations, exhibits, spreadsheets, books, charts, graphs, computer-sourced materials, written communications, work papers, technical specifications, manuals, text messages, transcripts, or any other materials.

TSA FOIA DIVISION - (71-221-2300)
 FOIA CASE NO: TSA09-0168
 RECEIVED: 12/18/08
 SUSPENSE DATE: _____
 SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS: _____

December 1, 2008

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(2) All documents and records concerning the consideration of setting the aircraft threshold weight in this proposed rule at 10,500 pounds and 16,000 pounds, as discussed in the pending NPRM, 73 Fed. Reg. at 64838.

(3) All documents and records concerning discussions with foreign governments or foreign agencies (including, but not limited to, the European Union, European Commission, and individual member states thereof) about proposals, rules, regulations or laws for general aviation security and the size of aircraft to be covered by any such proposal, rule, regulation or law that those foreign governments or agencies have been or are considering, examining, evaluating, debating, studying or implementing.

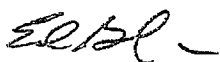
Pursuant to 6 C.F.R. §5.3(c), NBAA commits to paying all fees charged under §5.11 to provide the requested documents up to \$25.00 and to pay any reasonable additional fees beyond \$25.00.

Pursuant to 6 C.F.R. §5.5(d), NBAA requests expedited consideration of this FOIA request. NBAA publishes newsletters, press releases, news briefings, and other materials to its members and the general public regarding proposed and actual federal government activities involving business aviation. NBAA also consults with its members and submits comments on their behalf in rulemaking proceedings of importance to them, such as this one. NBAA needs to evaluate the requested documents and disseminate information related thereto to its many members in order to consult and advise them on significant issues arising from the NPRM. There is an urgency to inform the public (and NBAA's members) about this proposed federal government activity. NBAA requests that the TSA/DHS waive the formality of a "certification" in this regard as a matter of administrative discretion, as provided in 6 C.F.R. §5.5(d)(3).

If NBAA's requests are denied in whole or in part, we ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the FOIA. We expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempted material, and we wish to have copies made and furnished of all such materials.

We reserve the right to make further FOIA requests related to the NPRM and to appeal your decision to withhold any information.

Sincerely,



Ed Bolen
President & CEO

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) Privacy Act Division

FOIA NUMBER

Date Rec'd: 12/18/2008

TSA09-0168

Suspense: 12/25/2008

FROM: Ed Bolen
National Aviation Association, Inc.

ACTION OFFICE(s): TSA-29 (b)(6)

The attached request is to be responded to ONLY by the FOIA Office. Please return information requested to TSA-20 Rm: 11th floor, 205S, East Tower. If you require any assistance, please contact FOIA office, 571-227-2300. NOTE: The law requires that the request be answered within 20 working days of receipt. Cognizant offices are expected to respond by the suspense date.

_____ Conduct a search for records, including e-mail records, responsive to the attached request and forward a legible copy (not the original) of all responsive records found to this office for further processing. If no records exist, a written negative report is required.

_____ Identify any information in the responsive records you found during your search that you believe should be withheld, and explain why you believe its release would be harmful.

_____ Estimate the direct search costs that you believe would be incurred in determining whether records responsive to the attached request are in your files. Do not initiate a search unless further advised by this office.

COMMENTS: Contact (b)(6) (571) 227- for comments and/or questions. Please fill out tasking sheet and return to (b)(6) FOIA Office.

Indicate where you searched and what type of file the responsive documents were found in i.e., on desk, emails, filed by name, filed by SSN, in a general file. You may have responsive documents coming from multiple categories, please indicate for each document.

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DATE SEARCH BEGAN _____

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SIGNATURE OF INDIVIDUAL CERTIFYING ABOVE DATE SIGNED PAY BAND ROUTING SYMBOL



Transportation
Security
Administration

Date: July 29, 2010

Subject: FOIA: TSA09-0168

From: (b)(6), SSI Branch
Office of Intelligence

To: Kevin Janet, FOIA Officer, FOIA/PA Division
Transportation Security Administration

Per your request, the attached file has been reviewed for Sensitive Security Information (SSI). The information identified as SSI reveals security measures. Therefore, the information in the file should be withheld under FOIA Exemption 3 – 49 CFR 1520.5(b)(5). Please note that additional FOIA exemptions might apply to other portions of the documents.

Our shorthand for redaction citations, as you know, is to note the paragraph within 49 CFR 1520.5(b). Thus, for example: (6)(i) means Exemption 3 – 49 CFR 1520.5(b)(6)(i). The term “RLS” is shorthand for release, meaning to “ignore any previous SSI redactions because this information is not SSI and Exemption 3 does not apply”; the term “WIF” is shorthand for “withhold this entire page [or document] in full”; “RIF” means “this entire page [or document] is not SSI and Exemption 3 does not apply.”

If, during your review or that of the Office of Chief Counsel (OCC), any questions arise regarding the recommendations made by this branch, please feel free to contact us on extension 7-3513.

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Arlington, VA 22202



Transportation
Security
Administration

Date: March 2, 2011

Subject: FOIA: TSA09-0168 Re-review

From: (b)(6), SSI Program
Office of Law Enforcement/FAMS

To: Yvonne Coates, FOIA Officer, FOIA/PA Division
Transportation Security Administration

Per your request, the attached file has been reviewed for Sensitive Security Information (SSI). The information identified as SSI reveals vulnerability assessments information. Therefore, the information in the file should be withheld under FOIA Exemption 3 – 49 CFR 1520.5(b)(5). Please note that additional FOIA exemptions might apply to other portions of the documents.

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(b)(6)



INSTRUCTIONS: FOIA Points-of-Contact (POCs) will complete Section II and forward responsive records by mail to the TSA Headquarters FOIA Office, TSA-20, or by e-mail to the tasking individual, unless otherwise noted and explained below. If the search identifies TSA has a large volume of responsive records, FOIA POCs must contact the FOIA Office as soon as possible following receipt of this issued form to provide a cost estimate prior to continuing to process the request. Questions should be directed to the FOIA Office at (571) 227-2300, 866-FOIA-TSA (866-364-2872).

SECTION I. CASE SUSPENSE & IDENTIFICATION		
FOIA OFFICE USE ONLY		
FOIA POC response required on or before: June 25, 2009		
FOIA POCs direct e-mails replies to: (b)(6)		
FOIA Case No.: TSA09-0168	Date: 6/11/09	
Action Office(s): TSA-28 (b)(6)		
Request Received From: Ed Bolen		
Requester Seeks: (see attached request for further description)		
SECTION II. FOIA POC		
Part A. Contact Information		
Name:	Phone No.:	
Title:		
Part B. Recommendations (Check all that apply and provide appropriate responses)		
<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Release all responsive records. (identify records and from where retrieved)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Withhold select responsive records. (explain)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Withhold all responsive records. (explain)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	4. No responsive records. Search failed to identify and/or locate responsive records. (explain)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Recommend FOIA Office contact the following DHS Component, TSA Office and/ or individuals, identified, in order to search for responsive records. (identify)	
PART C. Cost Estimate		
Search Time (hrs.) / Pay Band	Processing Time (hrs.) / Pay Band	Attorney Time (hrs.) / Pay Band
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PART D. Response Certification		
I certify that a search reasonably calculated to uncover all responsive records, paper and electronic, has been conducted and all responsive records have been reviewed, copied and provided to the HQ FOIA Office -TSA-20, or otherwise noted with explanations and/or recommendations provided herein.		
FOIA POC Signature:		Date:

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) Privacy Act Division

FOIA NUMBER

Date Rec'd: 12/19/2008

TSA09-0168

Suspense: 12/28/2008

FROM: MI Bates

National Aeronautics Association, Inc.

ACTION OFFICE(S): TSA-79 (b)(6)

The attached request is to be responded to ONLY by the FOIA Office. Please return information requested to TSA-20 Rm: 11th floor, 2035, East Tower. If you require any assistance, please contact FOIA office, 571-227-2300. NOTE: The law requires that the request be answered within 20 working days of receipt. Cognizant offices are expected to respond by the suspense date.

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COMMENTS: Contact (b)(6) (571) 227- for comments and/or questions. Please fill out tasking sheet and return to (b)(6) FOIA Office.

Indicate where you searched and what type of file the responsive documents were found in, i.e., on desk, emails, filed by name, filed by SSN, in a general file. You may have responsive documents coming from multiple categories, please indicate for each document.

missed report - Not OSO's

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(b)(6) Office.

SIGNATURE OF INDIVIDUAL CERTIFYING ABOVE: (b)(6) DATE SIGNED: 2/4/09 PAY BAND: J ROUTING SYMBOL: TSA 29

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) Privacy Act Division

FOIA NUMBER

Date Rec'd: 12/18/2008

TSA09-0168

Suspense: 12/25/2008

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National Aviation Association, Inc.

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SIGNATURE OF INDIVIDUAL CERTIFYING ABOVE DATE SIGNED PAY BAND ROUTING SYMBOL

December 18, 2008

TSA09-0168

Mr. Ed Bolen

National Aviation Association, Inc.
1200 Eighteenth Street, NW, Suite 400
Washington, DC 20036



Transportation
Security
Administration

Dear Mr. Bolen:

This is to inform you that on December 18, 2008, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Office received your FOIA request dated December 1, 2008. Your request has been given identification number TSA09-0168. Please cite this number in any further Inquiry about this request.

I must advise you that depending upon the category of requester you fall in, fees may be charged for searching for records sought at the respective clerical, professional, and/or managerial rates of \$4.00/\$7.00/\$10.25 per quarter hour, and for duplication costs of \$.10 per page. In accordance with 6 C.F.R. §5.3(c), if you make a FOIA request, it shall be a firm commitment by you to pay all applicable fees charged under § 5.11 up to \$25.00. The combined charges for search and duplication must exceed \$14.00 before we will charge you any fees. Many requests do not require fees; however, if fees exceed \$25.00, we will notify you beforehand.

TSA uses a multi-track system to process requests on a first-in, first-out basis. Simple requests are able to be answered more quickly and will be placed on the fast track of our multi-track processing. More complex requests generally require significant processing time. Although TSA's goal is to respond within 20 business days of receipt of your request, the FOIA does permit a 10-day extension of this time period. If your request involves a voluminous amount of records, requires that we collect records from separate offices, or requires that we consult with another agency, TSA will invoke the 10-day extension for your request.

If you would like to narrow the scope of your request, we may be able to respond more quickly. Please contact us if you wish to narrow your request or arrange for an alternative time period to complete the processing. We can be reached at the following toll free number (866) 364-2872.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin J. Janet".

Kevin J. Janet
FOIA Officer
Freedom of Information Act Office
TSA Headquarters, TSA-20

TSK09-0168

(b)(6) <CTR>

From: (b)(6)@verizon.net
Sent: Wednesday, February 04, 2009 12:06 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: Misdirected FOIA's

(b)(6)

FOIA 09-0168 should have been directed to TSNM, not OSO.

FOIA 09-0209 belongs with intel

FOIA 09-0217 BWI would be the best source, otherwise, maybe TSOC has something

FOIA 09-0134 CTO would be the best source

Thanks,

(b)(6)

(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 9:51 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0168

That is what I thought. Due date is June 25.

(b)(6)

Transportation Security Administration
571-227-^{(b)(6)}

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 9:50 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: RE: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0168

No I never received this request. Can you tell me the due date?

(b)(6)

(b)(6) | TSNM/BMO/Communications

Phone: (571) 227-^{(b)(6)} | Email: (b)(6)@dhs.gov -----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 9:47 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0168

Hi (b)(6)

I'm not sure if you have previously received the tasking for this FOIA request. It is noted in our database that it was sent to you back in February but other than that I have no record of it actually being sent to you. Please conduct a search for records and respond back as soon as possible. Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

(b)(6)

Transportation Security Administration
571-227-^{(b)(6)}

(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2009 3:36 PM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>; Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>
Cc: Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>
Subject: RE: FOIA TSA09-0168

If they are referring the GA risk assessment, then yes.

(b)(6)
Office of Chief Counsel
Transportation Security Administration
(b)(6)@dhs.gov
571-227-
(b)(2), (b)(6) (Mobile)
571-227-1382 (fax)

This communication might contain communications between attorney and client, communications that are part of the agency deliberative process, or attorney-work product, all of which are privileged and not subject to disclosure outside the agency or to the public. Please consult with the Office of Chief Counsel before disclosing any information contained in this email. FILE: 600.1

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2009 3:27 PM
To: Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Cc: Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>
Subject: FOIA TSA09-0168

Bob / (b)(6),

The attached FOIA request was tasked to TSNM. TSNM stated that they are currently involved in a review of the responsive document with OCC and SSI to determine if there should be any redactions prior to release. Do either of you know if OCC is still reviewing this document?

(b)(6)
Transportation Security Administration
571-227-

(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2009 2:56 PM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: FW: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0168

Hi (b)(6)

Sorry for the late response, but I was informed that SSI and OCC are still reviewing the document.

Thanks

(b)(6)

(b)(6)
(b)(6) | TSNM/BMO/Communications
Phone: (571) 227- | Email: (b)(6)@dhs.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) mailto:(b)(6)@dhs.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2009 2:54 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0168

Yes, SSI and OCC are still reviewing it.

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) mailto:(b)(6)@dhs.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2009 2:53 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0168

(b)(6)

(b)(6) informed me that OCC and the SSI Office were working with GA to determine which information should be redacted from the requested document in the attached FOIA request before releasing it.

The FOIA Office is asking if this is still being reviewed by OCC and the SSI Office?

Thanks

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2009 9:19 AM
To: (b)(6)

Subject: RE: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0168

Hi: (b)(6)

Can you tell me if the requested document mentioned below is still in review with OCC and SSI?

(b)(6)

Transportation Security Administration
571-227-^{(b)(2), (b)(6)}

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 10:01 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: FW: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0168

(b)(6)

Please see the email below. Currently TSNM's General Aviation division is involved in a review of the requested document with OCC and the SSI office to determine if any information must be redacted prior to releasing this document. (b)(6) from the TSNM GA office says Victoria Newhouse (OCC) has been involved in this review and you could also reach out to her if you need more information.

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 9:56 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0168

(b)(6)

We are currently involved in a review of the requested document with OCC and the SSI office to determine what, if any, information must be redacted prior to releasing this document.

Regards,

(b)(6)

Policy and Plans
Transportation Security Administration
Transportation Sector Network Management Office of General Aviation

Office: 571-227-^{(b)(2), (b)(6)}
Cell: (b)(6)
Fax: 571-227-2918

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 9:54 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0168

(b)(6)

Please see the attached FOIA request, and let me know if you will have or can submit documentation for this FOIA request.

The due date to the FOIA office is 6/25/09.

Thanks

(b)(6)

(b)(6)
(b)(6) | TSNM/BMO/Communications
Phone: (571) 227- (b)(2), (b)(6) Email: (b)(6)@dhs.gov

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(b)(6)

Transportation Security Administration
571-227- (b)(2), (b)(6)

(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2010 11:09 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: RE: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0168

(b)(6)

This is my first day back in the office for the week. I am checking on the status and will let you know as soon as I have a response.

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2010 9:19 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0168

Hi (b)(6)

Can you tell me if the requested document mentioned below is still in review with OCC and SSI? Thanks!

(b)(6)

Transportation Security Administration
571-227-^{(b)(6)}

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 10:01 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: FW: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0168

(b)(6)

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(b)(6)

Policy and Plans
Transportation Security Administration
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-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 9:54 AM

To: (b)(6)

Subject: FW: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0168

(b)(6)

Please see the attached FOIA request, and let me know if you will have or can submit documentation for this FOIA request.

The due date to the FOIA office is 6/25/09.

Thanks

(b)(6)

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TSNM/BMO/Communications

Phone: (571) 227-^{(b)(2), (b)(6)} Email: (b)(6)@dhs.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 9:47 AM

To: (b)(6)

Subject: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0168

Hi (b)(6)

I'm not sure if you have previously received the tasking for this FOIA request. It is noted in our database that it was sent to you back in February but other than that I have no record of it actually being sent to you. Please conduct a search for records and respond back as soon as possible. Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

(b)(6)

Transportation Security Administration

571-227-**(b)(2), (b)(6)**

(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2010 2:03 PM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Cc:
Subject: FW: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0168

(b)(6)

Per the email below from Victoria Newhouse the SSI branch still has the assessment and it is still under SSI review.

Thanks

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: Newhouse, Victoria <TSA OCC>
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2010 12:07 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; Thompson, Mardi <TSA OCC>
Subject: RE: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0168

The SSI branch still has the assessment and they are annotating the source materials. I'd let FOIA know that it's still under SSI review. (b)(6) is the action officer. Thanks. Victoria

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2010 10:52 AM
To: Newhouse, Victoria <TSA OCC>
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0168

Victoria:

Do you have an update on the status of the redactions to the GA Risk Assessment? We have to provide the FOIA office with an update and we received an additional request from one of our stakeholder groups for the document.

Regards,

(b)(6)

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-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)

Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2010 7:24 AM

To: (b)(6)

Cc: (b)(6)

Subject: FW: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0168

(b)(6)

This is the FOIA request in regarding the LASP. From (b)(6) previous message below he stated that GA was currently involved in a review of the requested document with OCC and the SSI office to determine what, if any, information must be redacted prior to releasing this document.

The FOIA office is inquiring to see if this is still being reviewed.

Thanks

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2010 9:19 AM

To: (b)(6)

Subject: FW: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0168

Hi (b)(6)

Can you tell me if the requested document mentioned below is still in review with OCC and SSI? Thanks!

(b)(6)

Transportation Security Administration
571-227- (b)(2) (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)

Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 10:01 AM

To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

Subject: FW: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0168

(b)(6)

Please see the email below. Currently TSNM's General Aviation division is involved in a review of the requested document with OCC and the SSI office to determine if any information must be redacted prior to releasing this document. (b)(6) from the TSNM GA office says Victoria Newhouse (OCC) has been involved in this review and you could also reach out to her if you need more information.

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 9:56 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0168

(b)(6)

We are currently involved in a review of the requested document with OCC and the SSI office to determine what, if any, information must be redacted prior to releasing this document.

Regards,

(b)(6)

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Subject: FW: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0168

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The due date to the FOIA office is 6/25/09.

Thanks

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(b)(6)

Transportation Security Administration

571-227 (b)(2), (b)(6)

(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2010 9:53 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FOIA Request
Attachments: TSA09-0168.pdf

Hi (b)(6)

We have a FOIA request (attached) which we tasked to TSNM for records. TSNM informed us that they are currently involved in a review of the requested document with OCC and SSI. It believe your office is reviewing the document for any SSI. Do you have any idea when this is expected to be completed?

(b)(6)

Transportation Security Administration
571-227 (b)(2), (b)(6)

(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, July 14, 2010 10:39 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: RE: GA Risk Assessment

Hi (b)(6)

I just spoke with (b)(6) and he is still working on it. He should get it back to you by next Wednesday.

(b)(6)


-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Sent: Wednesday, July 14, 2010 10:30 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: GA Risk Assessment

Hey (b)(6)

A few months ago I asked you about the GA Risk Assessment that was being reviewed for SSI and we had a FOIA request for it. I believe it was (b)(6) who was reviewing the GA Risk Assessment. Can you tell me if this has been completed? I thought I would check with you before going back to TSNM. Thanks.

(b)(6)

Transportation Security Administration
571-227-

(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, July 29, 2010 11:16 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: SSI Review of TSA 09-0168 is complete

Hi (b)(6)

We have finished reviewing TSA09-0168. Please retrieve your document from the inbox at your earliest convenience! Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

(b)(6)

Transportation Security Administration
Office of Intelligence
Sensitive Security Information Branch
E11 - 222S
601 South 12 Street
Arlington, VA 20598-6031
(571) 227- (b)(6)

(b)(6) TSA-FOIA>

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 3:57 PM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: FOIA 09-0168 re-review

Hi (b)(6)

I placed the above folder in the outbox.

(b)(6)

Transportation Security Administration
Office of Security Services and Assessments
Office of Law Enforcement/Federal Air Marshal Service
Sensitive Security Information Branch
E11 - 222S
601 South 12 Street
Arlington, VA 20598-6031
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(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, April 06, 2011 11:07 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA> (b)(6)
Subject: FW: General Aviation FOIAs

FYI. This relates to cases the two of you have.

(b)(6)
Freedom of Information Act Office
Transportation Security Administration
(571) 227- (b)(6)

From: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2011 11:45 AM
To: (b)(6) Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Cc: Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6)
Subject: General Aviation FOIAs

TSA09-0058, 09-0168 & 09-0264 are all related to this SSI review.

(b)(6)
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(b)(6) @dhs.gov
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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2011 6:22 PM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>
Subject: RE: SSI Review Number: (11 0301) - General Aviation Aircraft Damage Analyses and Final Brief

Finalized & sent to FOIA (b)(6) notified Bob as he was the one to come down and boot me in behind to get it done.

From: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2011 6:08 PM
To: (b)(6); Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>
Subject: RE: SSI Review Number: (11 0301) - General Aviation Aircraft Damage Analyses and Final Brief

I don't believe we ever finalized the 3-volume GARA, the subject of a couple of FOIAs.

(b)(6)

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Transportation Security Administration

(b)(6)@dhs.gov

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From: (b)(6)

Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2011 1:20 PM

To: Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <TSA OCC>

Cc: (b)(6)@dhs.gov; (b)(6)

Subject: SSI Review Number: (11 0301) - General Aviation Aircraft Damage Analyses and Final Brief

Bob,

(b)(5)

<< File: 10-25 General Aviation Final Report-for-consult.pdf >>

(b)(5) [REDACTED] <TSA OCC>

Subject: Outstanding FOIAs for GA Risk Assessments
Location: HQE12-001N 18 Seat Conference Room

Start: Fri 7/1/2011 10:30 AM
End: Fri 7/1/2011 11:00 AM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Meeting organizer

Organizer: (b)(6) [REDACTED] <TSA OCC>
Required Attendees: Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) [REDACTED] <EP-TSOC>; Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>; (b)(6) [REDACTED]
Resources: HQE12-001N 18 Seat Conference Room

TSA has 3 outstanding FOIA requests for the 3-volume GA Risk Assessment: TSA09-0058, TSA09-0168 & TSA09-0264. As some of you will recall, the initial review of the risk assessment found no SSI. (b)(5) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether the Gale briefing is still needed. If so, is the margin annotation still needed?

(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2011 2:24 PM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>; (b)(6)
Subject: FW: Outstanding FOIAs for GA Risk Assessments

Yvonne L. Coates

Freedom of Information Act Officer
Office of the Special Counselor
Transportation Security Administration
(571) 227- (b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2011 12:50 PM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <EP-TSOC>; Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>; (b)(6)
(b)(6); Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Outstanding FOIAs for GA Risk Assessments

To prepare for this meeting, the SSI Program provides the following background based on our recollection of these reviews:

Early 2009: The SSI Program completed the initial request for SSI Review and determined there was no SSI with the information contained did not meet the regulatory intent of 49CFR1520 that to be SSI the information must be "detrimental to the security of transportation". Philosophically, the GA Risk Assessments were based on the concept that security had already been breached for the conditions of the assessment to exist. The SSI Office consulted multiple SMEs when making its determination.

Late 2009: The SSI Program received additional guidance from Senior Leadership to protect whatever information may be used by adversaries to evaluate potential transportation targets.

August 2010: Under these parameters, the SSI Program re-reviewed the document and selected portions of the document to be withheld as SSI. At this time, (b)(5)

(b)(5) Much of the unprotected portions of the documents was based on basic science and footnoted to extensive publicly-available information.



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-----Original Appointment-----

From: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>

Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2011 11:19 AM

To: (b)(6) <EP-TSOC>; Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>; (b)(6)

Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6)

Subject: Outstanding FOIAs for GA Risk Assessments

When: Friday, July 08, 2011 10:30 AM-11:00 AM (GMT-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: HQE12-001N 18 Seat Conference Room

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The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether the Gale briefing is still needed. If so, is the margin annotation still needed?

(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2011 9:56 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: Status of Open Cases_2005-2009

(b)(6)

Can I get a status update on the FOIAs listed below? I actually have 09-0168 as it is the same as 09-0058 and 09-0264 which are in SSI review, I believe. Thanks.

(b)(6)

Transportation Security Administration
571-227-
(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2011 1:22 PM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: RE: Status of Open Cases_2005-2009

(b)(6)

Did you get a chance to ask the components for an update regarding 08-0573, 09-0168, and 09-0792 (see below)?

Thanks,

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, November 09, 2011 9:12 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: RE: Status of Open Cases_2005-2009

Hi (b)(6),

I have another quick question concerning the older requests. Have you recently followed up with the components regarding outstanding reviews? A few cases I noticed that require a follow-up are 08-0573 (OCC), 09-0168 (SSI/OCC), and 09-0792 (OCC). If you have not recently (since 10/1/11) inquired about review status, please do so by COB tomorrow, November 10th. If you send emails, please cc me so that I may update my spreadsheet. If you decide to make phone calls, please let me know the outcome for the same reason. Also, make sure you annotate this in Filemaker. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Sent: Tuesday, November 08, 2011 10:31 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Status of Open Cases_2005-2009

Hi (b)(6)

Here is the status of those foia's.

Non Responsive

09-0168 – OCC didn't agree with SSI redactions which is why there were multiple reviews by the SSI Office. OCC is still finalizing redactions with SSI Office.

Non Responsive

(b)(6)

Transportation Security Administration
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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, November 07, 2011 11:08 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: Status of Open Cases_2005-2009

Hi (b)(6)

I am currently gathering information about older cases (2005-2009) which remain open in this office. Please take a look at the attachment, which contains information (and some questions) about some cases assigned to you for processing. Please provide a status for each case by Noon tomorrow, 8 November. Don't worry about providing an update on those cases which are shaded green (they seem to be self-explanatory). (b)(5)

[REDACTED] Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
(b)(6)

(b)(6)

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(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, November 25, 2011 2:19 PM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: RE: OCC Reviews

(b)(6)

FYI... I queried (b)(6) and (b)(6) about the review for 09-0168/09-0058/09-0264. I will let you know as soon as I hear something.

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Sent: Wednesday, November 23, 2011 8:11 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: OCC Reviews

09-0168 is the same request as 09-0058 and 09-0264. (b)(6) told me to hold on to mine until the other two were finished.

Non Responsive

(b)(6)

Transportation Security Administration
571-227 (b)(2) (b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, November 23, 2011 7:29 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: OCC Reviews

(b)(6)

Please check on the status of OCC review for the following cases:


09-0168
Non Responsive

OCC shows them as 'Inactive' in their database, but the TSA-2 box is checked in Filemaker. Please check the status and update Filemaker accordingly. Please let me know of any discrepancies.

Thanks,

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

Freedom of Information Act Office
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(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, January 04, 2012 8:56 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: FW: Status of GARA (RE: Outstanding FOIAs for GA Risk Assessments)

(b)(6)

FYI... This applies to your 09-0168; hopefully we can close these three out this week.

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, January 04, 2012 8:54 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Status of GARA (RE: Outstanding FOIAs for GA Risk Assessments)

Received final comments from Chief yesterday. Should have it for you tomorrow.

(b)(6), OLE-FAMS/SSI

From my BlackBerry

(b)(2), (b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
To: (b)(6)
Sent: Wed Jan 04 08:48:08 2012
Subject: RE: Status of GARA (RE: Outstanding FOIAs for GA Risk Assessments)

Good morning and Happy New Year,

I'd just like to check on the status of the review for these three cases.

Thank you,

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, December 02, 2011 3:12 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Status of GARA (RE: Outstanding FOIAs for GA Risk Assessments)

(b)(6)

Over a period of time the multivolume work has undergone a number of reviews. I have completed volumes 1 & 2 which are marked with my final recommendations to the new chief of the office. He has asked that I conduct a final check and identify any areas not proposed for redaction that might be prone to challenge. I will consult with him once that is completed to provide a final date to you for completion of this review.

(b)(6)

OLE/FAMS, Office of Security, SSI Program

(b)(2), (b)(6) (cell)

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, November 25, 2011 1:22 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: Status of GARA (RE: Outstanding FOIAs for GA Risk Assessments)

(b)(6)

At your convenience, will you please provide an update on the status of this review? Please see below for history and let me know if you have any questions.

I appreciate your time,

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

Freedom of Information Act Office
Office of the Special Counselor
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(571) 227-

From: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Sent: Wednesday, November 23, 2011 1:25 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Status of GARA (RE: Outstanding FOIAs for GA Risk Assessments)

Back to FOIA.

(b)(6)

(BlackBerry - (b)(2), (b)(6))

From: (b)(6)
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Sent: Wed Nov 23 08:56:19 2011
Subject: RE: Status of GARA (RE: Outstanding FOIAs for GA Risk Assessments)

Good morning, (b)(6)

When you sent these three cases to the SSI office to review, did you do so with the intention of having them respond directly to you or to the FOIA office? As an aside, I noticed 09-0264 is not on the list of FOIAs in OCC.

Thank you,

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

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From: Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 8:46 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Cc: Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <EP-TSOC>; (b)(6)
(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: RE: Status of GARA (RE: Outstanding FOIAs for GA Risk Assessments)

I have marked the associated FOIAs (TSA09-0058, TSA09-0168 & TSA09-0264) in Filemaker as being delivered to SSI by you on 8/19/11.

Yvonne L. Coates

Director, Freedom of Information Act Office
Office of the Special Counselor
Transportation Security Administration
(571) 227-(b)(2), (b)(6)

From: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2011 2:41 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <EP-TSOC>; (b)(6), Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Subject: RE: Status of GARA (RE: Outstanding FOIAs for GA Risk Assessments)

Thanks, (b)(6) Yvonne, these FOIAs should be marked as being in SSI review in FileMaker.

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

Office of Chief Counsel

Transportation Security Administration

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(b)(6) (BB)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2011 11:45 AM

To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Cc: Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <EP-TSOC>; (b)(6)
Subject: Status of GARA (RE: Outstanding FOIAs for GA Risk Assessments)

(b)(6)

There appears to be some confusion regarding the tasking that resulted from this meeting. I was under the impression TSNM was going to look it over a last time and submit to us any areas they thought redactions should be expanded. TSNM thought we were going to look over their earlier proposed redactions and explain why areas are not SSI.

To resolve this I have created redacted versions of Vols I & II. I am having two analysts with no previous exposure to the documents review the redacted version with a broad eye to sensitivity.

I will assess any areas they identify then expand redactions where appropriate and send that version out for final concurrence. We lack the resources to create an explanation for every paragraph that is not SSI and were I to pick and choose which paragraphs to justify I would no doubt miss some paragraph, sentence or chart title that raised questions.

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OLE/FAMS, Office of Security, SSI Program

7 (b)(2), (b)(6)(cell)

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-----Original Appointment-----

From: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>

Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2011 10:23 AM

To: Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <EP-TSOC>; Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC> (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Subject: Outstanding FOIAs for GA Risk Assessments

When: Thursday, July 07, 2011 4:30 PM-5:00 PM (GMT-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: HQE12-001N 18 Seat Conference Room

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The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether the Gale briefing is still needed. If so, is the margin annotation still needed?

(b)(6) <CTR>

From: Mike Cummings [(b)(6)]@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 01, 2009 10:20 PM
To: Foia
Subject: FOIA request

January 1, 2009

FOIA REQUEST

TSA09-191
1/2/2009
1/7/2009

Dear FOI Officer:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request access to and copies of any records, including but not limited to memos, e-mails, internal communications, external communications, minutes, or notes, pertaining to or referencing a TSA Blog poster known as Trollkiller.

I would like to receive the information in electronic format (PDF, e-mail).

I agree to pay reasonable duplication fees for the processing of this request in an amount not to exceed \$20. However, please notify me prior to your incurring any expenses in excess of that amount.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Thank you for your assistance.

1/2/2009

Sincerely,

Michael Cummings

(b)(6)

1/2/2009



Log Number Entered By
TSA09-0191 (b)(6)

Date of Request Recv'd in FOIA Date Assigned Processor
1/1/2009 1/2/2009 (b)(6)

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Fee Waiver Request Granted Denied Granted/Denied

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Contract Numbers

Requested Document
Requesting access to and copies of any records, including but not limited to memos, emails, internal communications, external communications, minutes, or notes, pertaining to or referencing a TSA Blog poster known as Trollkiller.

(b)(6) 1/2/2009 4/12/2012
Modified By Date Entered Date Modified

Fee Category Total Amount Due Advanced Fee Paid
Commercial 0.00

Date Money Recv'd Suspense Days Overdue New Suspense
1/9/2009 787

Tasking Total OCC Days Pending
Tracking 198 Processing in FOIA

Where: 1 2 4 5 6 7 9 10 11 13 14 15 16 17 18 20 21 22 25
24 26 28 29 31 33 36 37 38 801 901 TSOC FSD SN

Waiting for: Tolling: Unperfected Request: Perjury Statement:

To SSI: 11/10/2011 SSI Days 110 From SSI: 3/19/2012

To OCC	Days	From OCC
12/1/2009	18	12/24/2009
1/11/2011	7	1/19/2011
1/19/2011	13	2/4/2011
2/16/2011	160	9/27/2011

To enter add'l OCC dates, click Tracking.

Disposition of Requests
Other Reasons for Nondisclosure
Exemption 552b
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Exemption 3 Statute Edit

Interim Response

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) Privacy Act Division

FOIA NUMBER

Date Rec'd: 1/2/2009

TSA09-0191

Suspense: 1/2/2009

2/16/2009

FROM: Michael Cummings

ACTION OFFICE(s): TSA-29 (b)(6) TSA-2 (b)(6) TSA-4 Christopher White

The attached request is to be responded to **ONLY** by the FOIA Office. Please return information requested to TSA-20 Rm: 11th floor, 205S, East Tower. If you require any assistance, please contact FOIA office, 571-227-2300. NOTE: The law requires that the request be answered within 20 working days of receipt. Cognizant offices are expected to respond by the suspense date.

Conduct a search for records, *including e-mail records*, responsive to the attached request and forward a legible copy (not the original) of *all responsive records found* to this office for further processing. If no records exist, a written negative report is required.

Identify any information in the responsive records you found during your search that you believe should be withheld, and explain why you believe its release would be harmful.

Estimate the direct search costs that you believe would be incurred in determining whether records responsive to the attached request are in your files. Do not initiate a search unless further advised by this office.

COMMENTS:

No Response
(b)(6)

Indicate where you searched and what type of file the responsive documents were found in, i.e., on desk,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) Privacy Act Division

FOIA NUMBER

TSA09-0191

2/10/2009
 Suspense: 1/9/2009

Date Rec'd: 1/2/2009

Michael Cummings

SA-1 (b)(6) SA-1 (b)(6) TSA-1 (b)(6)

This site last updated is to be completed ONLY by the FOIA Office. Please return information requested to 1545 10 Ave NE, Suite 2055, East Tower. If you require any assistance, please contact FOIA Office, 171-233-2340. **NOTE:** The law requires that the request be answered within 20 working days of receipt. Expedited requests are covered to respond by the response date.

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Conduct a search for records, including e-mail records, responsive to the attached request and forward a legible copy (not the original) of all responsive records found to this office for further processing. If no records exist, a written negative report is required.

Identify any information in the responsive records you found during your search that you believe should be withheld, and explain why you believe its release would be harmful.

Estimate the direct search costs that you believe would be incurred in determining whether records responsive to the attached request are in your files. Do not initiate a search unless further advised by this office.

COMMENTS:

please use suggested restrictions. Thanks.

Indicate where you searched and what type of file the responsive documents were found in, i.e., on disc, prints, filed by SSA, filed by SSI, in a general file. You may have responsive documents coming from multiple categories; please indicate for each document.

SEARCH TIME (Hrs)	ACTION OFFICE		ATTORNEY	
	PAY BAND	PROCESSING TIME (Hrs)	PAY BAND	TIME (Hrs)
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DATE SEARCH BEGAN

(b)(6)

FOIA request have been searched and copies of all

3/12/09
 DATE SIGNED

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) Privacy Act Division

FOIA NUMBER

Date Rec'd: 1/2/2009

TSA09-0191

Suspense: 1/9/2009

2/16/2009

FROM: Michael Cummings

ACTION OFFICE(s): TSA-29 (b)(6) TSA-3 (b)(6) TSA-4 Christopher White

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COMMENTS:

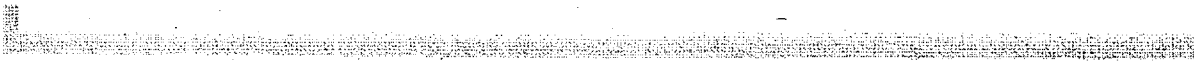
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DATE SEARCH BEGAN _____

This is to certify that all program files pertaining to the FOIA request have been searched and copies of all documents located have been furnished to the FOIA Office.

SIGNATURE OF INDIVIDUAL CERTIFYING ABOVE DATE SIGNED PAY BAND ROUTING SYMBOL



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) Privacy Act Division

FOIA NUMBER

Date Rec'd: 1/2/2009

TSA09-0191

Suspense: 1/29/2009

2/16/2009

FROM: Michael Cummings

ACTION OFFICE(s): TSA-29 (b)(6) TSA-2 (b)(6) TSA-4 Christopher White

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COMMENTS:

Indicate where you searched and what type of file the responsive documents were found in i.e., on desk, emails, filed by name, filed by SSN, in a general file. You may have responsive documents coming from multiple categories, please indicate for each document.

No Records

SEARCH TIME (Hrs)	ACTION OFFICE		ATTORNEY	
	PAY BAND	PROCESSING TIME (Hrs)	PAY BAND	TIME (Hrs)
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DATE SEARCH BEGAN

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This is to certify that all process files pertaining to the FOIA request have been searched and copies of all

(b)(6)

SIGNATURE OF INDIVIDUAL CERTIFYING ABOVE

2/10

DATE SIGNED

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FOIA Request Certification

INSTRUCTIONS: FOIA Points-of-Contact (POCs) will complete Section II and forward responsive records by mail to the TSA Headquarters FOIA Office, TSA-20, or by e-mail to the tasking individual, unless otherwise noted and explained below. If the search identifies TSA has a large volume of responsive records, FOIA POCs must contact the FOIA Office as soon as possible following receipt of this issued form to provide a cost estimate prior to continuing to process the request. Questions should be directed to the FOIA Office at (571) 227-2300, 866-FOIA-TSA (866-364-2872).

SECTION I: CASE SUSPENSE & IDENTIFICATION

FOIA OFFICE USE ONLY	
FOIA POC response required on or before: 2/16/2009	
FOIA POCs direct e-mails replies to: TSA:FOIAPOCRESPPONES@tsa.gov	
FOIA Case No.: TSA09-0191	Date: 8/11/2011
Action Office(s): TSA-4 Jonella Culmer	
Request Received From: 1/2/2009	
Requester Seeks: (see attached request for further description)	

SECTION II: FOIA POC

Part A: Contact Information

Name: Jonella Culmer	Phone No.: 571-227- (b)(2) (b)(6)
Title: Public Affairs Specialist	

Part B: Recommendations (Check all that apply and provide appropriate responses)

<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Release all responsive records. (identify records and from where retrieved)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2. Withhold select responsive records. (explain) OPA has provided this requests responsive records. A thorough review of each document is needed before releasing any of these documents to the requester.
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Withhold all responsive records. (explain)
<input type="checkbox"/>	4. No responsive records. Search failed to identify and/or locate responsive records. (explain)
<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Recommend FOIA Office contact the following DHS Component, TSA Office and/ or individuals, identified, in order to search for responsive records. (identify)

PART C: Cost Estimate

Search Time (hrs.) / Pay Band	Processing Time (hrs.) / Pay Band	Attorney Time (hrs.) / Pay Band
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PART D: Response Certification

I certify that a search reasonably calculated to uncover all responsive records, paper and electronic, has been conducted and all responsive records have been reviewed, copied and provided to the HQ FOIA Office -TSA-20, or otherwise noted with explanations and/or recommendations provided herein.

FOIA POC Signature: _____ Date: _____

Task Offices:

TSA-4 , TSA-2 , TSA-29

Check Privacy Act/perjury statement box: YES No

Print Acknowledgement Letter: YES No

Print Perjury Statement: YES No

Print Third Party Statement: YES No

TSA09-0191

February 9, 2009

TSA09-0191

Mr. Michael Cummings

(b)(6)



**Transportation
Security
Administration**

Dear Mr. Cummings:

This is to inform you that on January 2, 2009, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Office received your FOIA request dated January 1, 2009. Your request has been given identification number TSA09-0191. Please cite this number in any further inquiry about this request.

I must advise you that depending upon the category of requester you fall in, fees may be charged for searching for records sought at the respective clerical, professional, and/or managerial rates of \$4.00/\$7.00/\$10.25 per quarter hour, and for duplication costs of \$.10 per page. In accordance with 6 C.F.R. §5.3(c), if you make a FOIA request, it shall be a firm commitment by you to pay all applicable fees charged under § 5.11 up to \$25.00. The combined charges for search and duplication must exceed \$14.00 before we will charge you any fees. Many requests do not require fees; however, if fees exceed \$25.00, we will notify you beforehand.

TSA uses a multi-track system to process requests on a first-in, first-out basis. Simple requests are able to be answered more quickly and will be placed on the fast track of our multi-track processing. More complex requests generally require significant processing time. Although TSA's goal is to respond within 20 business days of receipt of your request, the FOIA does permit a 10-day extension of this time period. If your request involves a voluminous amount of records, requires that we collect records from separate offices, or requires that we consult with another agency, TSA will invoke the 10-day extension for your request.

If you would like to narrow the scope of your request, we may be able to respond more quickly. Please contact us if you wish to narrow your request or arrange for an alternative time period to complete the processing. We can be reached at the following toll free number (866) 364-2872.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin J. Janet".

Kevin J. Janet
FOIA Officer
Freedom of Information Act Office
TSA Headquarters, TSA-20



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FOIA Case Number TSA09-0191

Mr. Michael Cummings

(b)(6)

Dear Mr. Cummings:


This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated January 1, 2009, to the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) seeking "access to and copies of any records, including but not limited to memos, emails, internal communications, external communications, minutes, or notes, pertaining to or referencing a TSA Blog Poster know as the Trollkiller."

By letter, dated February 9, 2009, we did not advise you that due to the increasing number of FOIA requests by this office, we could encounter some delay in processing your request. We are advising you now and sincerely apologize for the delay and inconvenience it may have caused. However, we want to let you know that we have been making earnest and diligent efforts to reduce the backlog of cases, and that your file is scheduled to be reviewed in the near future.

Before we begin the time-consuming review process, we want to ensure that you are still interested in continuing the processing of this request. Please indicate your continued interest in pursuing these records within 30 days from the date of this letter, or we will assume you are no longer interested in this FOIA request, and the case will be administratively closed.

If you have any questions pertaining to your request, please feel free to contact the FOIA Office at 1-866-364-2872 or locally at 571-227-2300 or by email at foia@gov.

Sincerely,


Howard Plofker
Acting FOIA Officer
Freedom of Information Act

to Bob 1/20/11

January 6, 2011

FOIA Number: TSA09-0191

*This is a separate request
TSA09-0200*

ISSUE:

The requester seeks information ~~(pertaining to complaint HL08-0526)~~ Also you requested "copies of any records, including but not limited to memos, e-mails, internal communication, minutes, or notes, pertaining to or referencing a TSA Blog poster known as Trollkiller."

DISCUSSION:

- TSA-1 (b)(6) - provided responsive records.
- TSA-29 (b)(6) - provide a no record response.
- TSA-4 Christopher White - provided a no record response.
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RECOMMENDATION:

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FOIA POC: (b)(6)
FOIA Specialist, x (b)(2), (b)(6)

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Nov. 24, 2009

October 16, 2009

12/29/09

FOIA Number: TSA09-0191

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ISSUE:

Requester seeks "copies of any records, including but not limited to memos, e-mails, internal communication, minutes, or notes, pertaining to or referencing a TSA Blog poster known as Trollkiller."

DISCUSSION:

To OCC: 12/1/09

- TSA-1 (b)(6)
- TSA-29 (b)(6)
- TSA-4 Christopher White
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RECOMMENDATION:

(b)(5)

FOIA POC: (b)(6) (b)(5)
FOIA Specialist, x1 (b)(2), (b)(6)

(b)(5)

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2/1/09
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Notes/Status -- 09-0191

2/9/09 Email tasking. cb (Re'cd redacted docs from OCC never re'cd original docs (b)(6))
2/18/09 - Request given to (b)(6) to task to TSA-13 (b)(6)
2/25/09 - Rec'd records from TSA-13 (b)(6)
3/4/09 - TSA-29 no responsive records (b)(6)
11/23/09 - Request sent to (b)(6) for review (b)(6)
11/23/09 - Re'cd request back from (b)(6) (b)(6)
11/24/09 - Request sent to KJ for review (b)(6)
12/1/09 - Request sent to OCC (b)(6)
11/15/10 - Sent requester "Are you still interested ltr (b)(6)
12/1/10 - Requester still interested (b)(6)
1/6/11 - Request to (b)(6) for review (b)(6)
1/11/11 - Request to (b)(6) for review (b)(6)
1/19/11 - Re'cd request from KJ for edits.
1/19/11 - Request sent back to KJ....edits completed (b)(6)
2/4/11 - Re'cd request back from KJ for edits (b)(6)
2/16/11 - Request back to KJ....edits completed (b)(6)
8/11/11 - Re-tasked request to TSA-4 (b)(6)
8/19/11 - Sent an email to TSA-4 requesting status??
8/23/11 - Sent an email to TSA-4 requesting status of docs (b)(6)
8/24/11 - Spoke with TSA-4 requesting status of docs? Jonella Culmer said she will get docs to FOIA today.
8/26/11 - Re'cd a copy of original docs from TSA-4 (Jonella Culmer) (b)(6)
8/26/11 - Emailed Bob Johnson informing him that TSA-4 provided an original copy of docs (b)(6)
9/2/11 - Emailed Bob Johnson informing him that TSA-4 provided a copy of original docs (b)(6)
9/2/11 - Re'cd an original and redacted copy of docs from (b)(6)
9/15/11 - Workflow Started on Work Folder in DT (b)(6)
9/27/11 Back to OCC (b)(6)
9/27/11 - Re'cd file back from OCC per (b)(6) to Task TSA-13 (b)(6)
9/28/11 - Tasked TSA-13 (b)(6)
10/14/11 - Re'cd a "No record" response from TSA-13 (b)(6)
11/10/11 - Re'cd an email from Aeron to send request to SSI for review (b)(6)
3/19/12 Rec'd response from SSI (b)(6)
4/12/12 - Reassigned to (b)(6) for processing since one of the 10 oldest reported in March - (b)(6)

SSI Review Request In-Take Form - FOIA

*This form should only be completed and submitted by a member of
TSA's FOIA Office*

Please complete the top portion of this form and email it to SSI@dhs.gov.

Request Form's instructions and related FAQs are available at TSA's Intranet [future]

For guidance regarding sending SSI, see SSI Policy document titled "[future]" (#)

1. TSA FOIA OFFICE COORDINATOR'S INFORMATION			
(a) Name	(b)(6)	(b) Phone ext.	7- [REDACTED]
(c) Backup's Name		(d) Phone ext.	7- [REDACTED]
2. DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENT			
(a) FOIA Number:	TSA09-191		
(b) Originating Program Office	TSA		
(c) Total Page Count (not including request)	353		
3. REQUEST DETAILS			
(a) Name of FOIA Requestor	Michael Cummings		
(b) Appeal?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
(c) Date Submitted:	11/10/11	NOTE: Standard response time is 5 business days (starting 1 st business day after delivery)	
(d) List of any related FOIAs			
(e) Special Instructions or comments (i.e. note any gaps in page numbers, etc.)			
4. REVIEW DETAILS			
(a) I, as FOIA Coordinator, have clearly marked all recognized SSI			
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reason for no initial review:
(b) Citations for SSI Found (Enter "none" if seeking confirmation)			

Submit the documents for review only to the SSI Program Office's **Coordinator** or the appointed backup.

Please submit this form in the same format as the accompanying FOIA. (If FOIA is hard-copy, submit the intake form hard-copy.)

**NEVER LEAVE A FOIA CONTAINING SSI IN AN
UNATTENDED SSI PROGRAM OFFICE CUBE**

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Arlington, VA 22202



Transportation
Security
Administration

Date: Monday, November 21, 2011

Subject: FOIA Request: 09-0191 (SSI Review: 12-0108)

From: (b)(6)
(b)(6), SSI Program Office

To: Yvonne L. Coates, FOIA Officer, FOIA/PA Division
Transportation Security Administration

Per your request, the files associated with FOIA above have been reviewed for Sensitive Security Information (SSI). Our program has determined that the files do not contain SSI as defined in TSA SSI Regulation 49 CFR 1520.5.

If any questions arise regarding the recommendations made by this office, please feel free to contact me on extension 7-3513 and reference the SSI review number above.

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

(b)(6) <CTR>

From: Mike Cummings (b)(6) [redacted]@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, January 09, 2009 1:48 PM
To: FOIA
Subject: RE: HL08-0526

Michael Cummings

(b)(6) [redacted]

My apologies, I assumed that the complaint control number assigned by the TSA Hotline would be sufficient information to locate that particular complaint and related documents.

No worries, will try again.

The original complaint was filed with the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Inspector General on June 26, 2008. That complaint was forwarded from the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Inspector General to the Office of Inspection, Transportation Security Administration on September 8, 2008. The complaint was assigned a **hotline control number of HL08-0526**. The complaint was to be forwarded to the Office of Chief Counsel by the Office of Inspection.

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request access to and copies of any and all documents relating to complaint **HL08-0526** including but not limited to memos, minutes, emails, letters, notes, or directives.

I agree to pay reasonable duplication fees for the processing of this request in an amount not to exceed \$20. However, please notify me prior to your incurring any expenses in excess of that amount.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Michael Cummings

--- On Thu, 1/8/09, FOIA <FOIA.tsa@dhs.gov> wrote:

| From: FOIA <FOIA.tsa@dhs.gov>
| Subject: RE: HL08-0526

1/13/2009

To: "Mike Cummings" (b)(6)@yahoo.com>
Date: Thursday, January 8, 2009, 2:52 PM

Mr., Cummings,

Before we can continue processing your FOIA request, please specifically identify the records which you are seeking (ex. Airport and timeframe of complaint, etc.,)

After careful review of your FOIA request, we determined that your request did not specifically identify the records which you are seeking. Records must be described in reasonably sufficient detail to enable government employees who are familiar with the subject area to locate records without placing an unreasonable burden upon the agency. For this reason, §5.3(b) of the DHS regulations, 6 C.F.R. Part 5, require that you describe the records you are seeking with as much information as possible to ensure that our search can locate them with a reasonable amount of effort. Whenever possible, a request should include specific information about each record sought, such as the date, title or name, author, recipients, and subject matter of the records, if known, or the DHS component or office you believe created and/or controls the record. The FOIA does not require an agency to create new records, answer questions posed by requesters, or attempt to interpret a request that does not identify specific records.

Please resubmit your request containing a reasonable description of the records you are seeking. Upon receipt of a perfected request, you will be advised as to the status of your request.

Thank you,

TSA FOIA OFFICE

From: Mike Cummings [mailto:(b)(6)@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 06, 2009 7:39 PM
To: TSA
Subject: HL08-0526

Michael Cummings
(b)(6)

1/13/2009

(b)(6)

January 6, 2009

Transportation Security Administration
TSA-20, West Tower
FOIA Division
601 South 12th Street
Arlington , VA 22202-4220

FOIA REQUEST

Dear FOI Officer:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request access to and copies of any and all documents relating to complaint HL08-0526.

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I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Michael Cummings

1/13/2009

(b)(6) <CTR>

From: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Sent: Monday, February 09, 2009 11:15 AM
To: (b)(6) <CTR>
Subject: FW: TSA09-0191 Trollkiller

I never got a tasking.

(b)(6)
Office of Chief Counsel
Transportation Security Administration

(b)(6)@dhs.gov

571-227-^{(b)(2), (b)(6)}

(b)(2), (b)(6) (Mobile)

571-227-1382 (fax)

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From: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2009 3:01 PM
To: (b)(6) <CTR>
Cc: Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>; (b)(6) <OCC>
Subject: TSA09-0191 Trollkiller

This should be tasked to Public Affairs, OCC & the InfoCenter. I'm not sure where the Infocenter falls under. (b)(6) any other offices?

(b)(6)
Office of Chief Counsel
Transportation Security Administration

(b)(6)@dhs.gov

571-227-^{(b)(2), (b)(6)}

(b)(2), (b)(6) (Mobile)

571-227-1382 (fax)

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(b)(6) <TSA OCC>

From: (b)(6) <OCC>
Sent: Monday, February 09, 2009 12:13 PM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Subject: FW: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0191 - Trollkiller
Importance: High
Attachments: TSA09-0191 tasking.pdf

Please see me about this tasker when you're back in the office. Thanks!

(b)(6)
Attorney-Advisor, Information Law
Office of the Chief Counsel
Transportation Security Administration
601 S. 12th Street
Arlington, VA 22203
571-227- (ofc.)
(b)(2), (b)(6) (cell)

ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGED/ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT. This communication might contain communications between attorney and client, communications that are part of the agency deliberative process, or attorney-work product, all of which are privileged and not subject to disclosure outside the agency or to the public. Please consult with the Office of Chief Counsel before disclosing any information contained in this mail.

From: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Sent: Monday, February 09, 2009 12:09 PM
To: Newhouse, Victoria <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <OCC>
Subject: FW: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0191 - Trollkiller
Importance: High

The attached FOIA/PA request is seeking all records referencing a Blog poster named Trollkiller. Please search your emails and other electronic and paper systems and provide copies to me (preferably electronic; if paper, no staples please) by COB 2/11/09. I apologize for the short time frame but I am out on Friday. Thanks.

(b)(6)

(b)(6)
Office of Chief Counsel
Transportation Security Administration
(b)(6)@dhs.gov
571-227- (Mobile)
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571-227-1382 (fax)

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2/10/2009

From: (b)(6) <CTR>
Sent: Monday, February 09, 2009 12:02 PM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; White, Christopher <TSA PA>; (b)(6)
Subject: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0191

Please see attach FOIA Tasking. Please note suspense date 2/16/09

Thank you,

(b)(6)

Office of Special Counsel- FOIA
Department Of Homeland Security
Transportation Security Administration
Office: (571) 227-**(b)(6)**
Fax: (571) 227-1406
(b)(6)@associates.dhs.gov

2/10/2009

(b)(6) <CTR>

From: (b)(6) <CTR>
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2009 9:47 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0191
Attachments: TSA09-0191 tasking.pdf

(b)(6)

Welcome back and Congratulations on your new arrival

Please see attach FOIA Tasking. Please note suspense date 2/25/09.

Thank you,

(b)(6)

Office of Special Counsel- FOIA
Department Of Homeland Security
Transportation Security Administration
Office: (571) 227-^{(b)(2), (b)(6)}
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(b)(6)@associates.dhs.gov

2/18/2009

(b)(6) <CTR>

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2009 10:16 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>; (b)(6) <CTR>
Subject: FW: TSA09-0191
Attachments: TSA09-0191.pdf

Please see attached.

(b)(6)

(b)(6)
(office) 571-227
(mobile) (b)(2), (b)(6)

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, January 06, 2011 10:13 AM
To: Culmer, Jonella; Payne, Sterling
Subject: Freedom of Information Act request TSA09-0191

Hello:

How are you today?? Freedom of Information Act request TSA09-0191 was tasked to your office on 2/16/09 for records. When you get an opportunity could you let me know the status of this request?

Thanks,

(b)(6)

571-227-

(b)(2), (b)(6)

Freedom of Information Act Office

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, January 06, 2011 10:09 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA>
Subject: Freedom of Information Act request TSA09-0191

Hello (b)(6)

How are you today?? Freedom of Information Act request TSA09-0191 was tasked to your office for records on 2/16/09. We would like to know the status of this request along with a copy of the tasking sheet??

Thanks very much

(b)(6)

571-227 (b)(2), (b)(6)

Freedom of Information Act Office

(b)(6)

<TSA-FOIA>

From: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Sent: Tuesday, January 18, 2011 3:45 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: TSA09-0191

Hello there. (b)(6), I have some corrections to the letter I would like to get taken care of before I forward on to Bob for review. Let me know when you are there... Thanks.

Attorney Advisor
Information Law/General Law
Office of Chief Counsel
Transportation Security Administration
office: 571-227-
cell: (b)(2), (b)(6)

(b)(6) <TSA OCC>

From: (b)(6) <OCC>
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2008 1:07 PM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Cc: Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Subject: Civil Penalties Blog Post
Attachments: civil penalty blog post.doc; Trollkiller document discrepancy.doc

(b)(6) (b)(5)

FYI, "Trollkiller" is the name of the blogger that has brought the document discrepancy to our attention. In the blog world, when you type "@ trollkiller," it means you are directing your comment as a response to something that person has blogged about earlier. (You may already know this-but I've only recently been educated about these things!!)

Once I have your edits, I'll send this to Francine for her approval.

Thanks,

(b)(6)
(f/k/a (b)(6))
Attorney
Office of Chief Counsel
Transportation Security Administration
Phone: (571) 227-
Cell: (b)(2), (b)(6)
Fax: (571) 227-1381
email (b)(6)@dhs.gov

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(b)(6)

From: Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>
Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2011 12:16 PM
To: (b)(6) Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Cc: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act request TSA09-0191

I believe (b)(6) has approximately 50 clean pages. We will work with (b)(6) in Francine's office to again get a copy of Francine's emails and will also get (b)(6) emails.

(b)(6) if you will get to me the clean copies of the emails you already have from (b)(6) and (b)(6) I will work with (b)(6) to get them properly redacted.

Thanks

Robert S. Johnson Jr.
Assistant Chief Counsel for Information Law
Transportation Security Administration
Office 571-227-
Cell (b)(2), (b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2011 12:11 PM
To: Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Cc: Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6)
Subject: Freedom of Information Act request TSA09-0191

FYI:

Wanted to give you a heads up regarding TSA09-0191, which I am working. I have been working with (b)(6) (OCC) on this one. Because she never provided the original documents, and I was working from a redacted copy she provided, the product was not up to par. Bob, (b)(6) and I have discussed this, and I am now doing a completed rework of the file. Just wanted to let you know the status since this is one of the older files needing to be completed. Will keep you informed of any developments.

Thanks,

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2011 11:05 AM
To: Culmer, Jonella
Subject: FW: Freedom of Information Act request TSA09-0191

Hello Jonella:

How are you today?? Freedom of Information Act request TSA09-0191 was tasked to your office on 1/6/2011 for records. When you get a chance could you let me know the status of this request??

Thanks,

(b)(6)

571-227-
Freedom of Information Act Office

From: Culmer, Jonella
Sent: Thursday, January 06, 2011 11:23 AM.
To: (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Freedom of Information Act request TSA09-0191

Thank you.

Jonella Culmer
Transportation Security Administration
Jonella.Culmer@dhs.gov

From: (b)(6)
To: Culmer, Jonella
Sent: Thu Jan 06 11:12:06 2011
Subject: FW: Freedom of Information Act request TSA09-0191

<<TSA09-0191.Request&Tasking Sheet.pdf>>

Hello Jonella: See attachment

From: Culmer, Jonella
Sent: Thursday, January 06, 2011 10:15 AM
To: (b)(6); Payne, Sterling
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act request TSA09-0191

Good Morning (b)(6)

Do you mind re-sending?

Regards,

Jonella J. Culmer

Strategic Communications and Public Affairs

Transportation Security Administration

jonella.culmer@dhs.gov

O: 571.227- [REDACTED]

C: (b)(2), (b)(6)

From: (b)(6)

Sent: Thursday, January 06, 2011 10:13 AM

To: Culmer, Jonella; Payne, Sterling

Subject: Freedom of Information Act request TSA09-0191

Hello:

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Thanks,

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

571-227- [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act Office

(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Sent: Friday, September 02, 2011 11:34 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act request TSA09-0191
Attachments: TSA09-0191 TSA-2 records.pdf

(b)(6) please find attached the TSA-2 records with visible redactions.

(b)(6)
Office of Chief Counsel
Transportation Security Administration
571-227-
(b)(2), (b)(6) (BB)

From: Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>
Sent: Friday, September 02, 2011 9:16 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Cc: (b)(6); Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Subject: FW: Freedom of Information Act request TSA09-0191

(b)(6)

Will you be able to take this to (b)(6) today?

Thanks

Robert S. Johnson Jr.
Assistant Chief Counsel for Information Law
Transportation Security Administration
Office 571-227-
Cell (b)(2), (b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, September 02, 2011 9:14 AM
To: Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>
Cc: Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act request TSA09-0191

Hello Bob:

Let me know when it's a good time to discuss TSA09-0191 redactions?? The Office of Public Affairs (Jonella Culmer) provided me with an original copy of all the documents.

Thanks

From: Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>
Sent: Friday, August 26, 2011 2:58 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Subject: Re: Freedom of Information Act request TSA09-0191

I have got copies from Francine and (b)(6) I will bring them down on Monday. Thanks Bob

From: (b)(6)
To: Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>
Cc: Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Sent: Fri Aug 26 14:47:09 2011
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act request TSA09-0191

Hello Bob:

The Office of Public Affairs TSA-4 (Jonella Culmer) provided me with an original copy of FOIA request TSA09-0191 today. Let me know when it's a good time to go over the redactions.

Thanks

From: Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>
Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2011 12:16 PM
To: (b)(6); Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Cc: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act request TSA09-0191

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Thanks

Robert S. Johnson Jr.

Assistant Chief Counsel for Information Law

Transportation Security Administration

Office 571-227- (b)(6)

Cell (b)(2), (b)(6)

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(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2011 10:57 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: Freedom of Information Act request TSA09-0191

Hello (b)(6)

How are you today?? Freedom of Information Act request TSA09-0191 was tasked to your office on 2/19/09 for records. When time permits..... can you let us know if you responded to this request previously and did you provide records or a no record response??

Thanks,

(b)(6)

571-227- (b)(6)

Freedom of Information Act Office

(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, October 14, 2011 1:48 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: TSA09-0191
Attachments: TSA09-0191.pdf

(b)(6)
Office of Inspection | Business Management Office
Transportation Security Administration
Department of Homeland Security
Office: 571-227-(b)(2), (b)(6) BlackBerry: (b)(2), (b)(6) | (b)(6)@dhs.gov

From: (b)(6) [mailto:(b)(6)@dhs.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2009 10:15 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: TSA09-0191

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January 29, 2009


Transportation Security Administration
Freedom of Information Act Office, TSA-20
11th Floor, East Tower
601 South 12th Street
Arlington, VA 22202-4220

To: TSA FOIA Office

Please provide any records in any format (paper, electronic) that can provide answers to the following questions:

1. Has the TSA conducted a security threat assessment or evaluation of the general aviation industry or general aviation aircraft operations?
2. If so, when was this assessment or evaluation conducted?
3. If so, who conducted this assessment or evaluation?
4. What were the results of the assessment or evaluation?
5. If the TSA has not conducted a security threat assessment or evaluation of the general aviation industry or general aviation aircraft operations, does it plan to do so?
6. If so, when will this take place?
7. If so, what will be the scope of this assessment or evaluation?

Thank you,


Matt Thurber
Senior Editor
Aviation International News
4572 Via Marina #302
Marina del Rey CA 90292

(b)(6)

(b)(6) @ainonline.com

cc: Rep. Bennie G. Thompson, U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Homeland Security, Sen. Joe Lieberman, chairman, Senate Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs

FOIA REQUEST - 771-227-2800

FOIA CASE # TSA09-0264

RECEIVED: 2/11/09

SUSPENSE DATE: 2/23/09

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)@gmail.com on behalf of Matt Thurber (b)(6)@ainonline.com]
 Sent: Friday, June 19, 2009 7:16 PM
 To: Foia
 Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request
 Follow Up Flag: Reviewed and printed. E.L.
 Flag Status: Completed

TSA FOIA DIVISION - 571-227-2800
 TSA CASE #
 RECEIVED: Duplicate
 RESPONSE DATE: request
 SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: re: TSA09-026

This is a Freedom of Information Act Request.

The submitter is a member of the media.

Please provide a copy of the following report that was conducted for the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) by the TSA's Office of Intelligence:

The Threat to General Aviation: 2007 Modal Assessment

Thank you,

Matt Thurber
 Senior Editor
 Aviation International News
 4572 Via Marina #302
 Marina del Rey CA 90292
 Office: (b)(6)
 Mobile: (b)(6)
 Fax: 213-226-4610
 Email: (b)(6)@ainonline.com

Freedom of Information Act Clearance Sheet

FOIA Case No. TSA09-0264

File in Process				
Date	Approved Initial Here	Approved with Edits Initial Here	Reject Initial Here	Comments
6/17/11	(b)(6)			SSI completed a re-review of the material requested on 4/11/11. Document considered not to be SSI Red and black VR copies attached
6/24/11		(b)(6)		Several edits to letter needed
6/27/11	(b)(6)			Completed
6/29/11				
6/29/11			(b)(6)	See my invite inside
Final Approval				
Office	Signature			Date
OCC				
FOIA				

JUN 15 2011

~~September 4, 2009~~

FOIA Number: TSA09-0264 (Matt Thurber)

ISSUE: Mr. Matt Thurber requested the attached information (see incoming tab).

DISCUSSION:

- Tasked to TSA-10 and responsive documents were received.
- This is the second request from Matt on this subject matter; his first request was about General Aviation Risk Assessment (TSA09-0058).
- Please see attach email dated May 7, 2009 to OCC and INTEL (over) from (b)(6) on this subject.
Since there is no SSI in regards to these pages, it our intent to release 23 pages in full.
- (b)(6) has been asked to be added to the concurrence list (see background tab).

FEES:

Search:
Duplication:
Review:

(b)(6)

Total:

RELEASABLE:

- We are releasing 23 pages in full.

RECOMMENDATION:

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FOIA POC: (b)(6) (b)(2), (b)(6)
(b)(6), (b)(2), (b)(6)



Transportation
Security
Administration

June 24, 2009

Matt Thurber
Senior Editor
Aviation International News
4572 Via Marina #302
Marina del Rey, CA 90292

Re: **TSA09-0264**

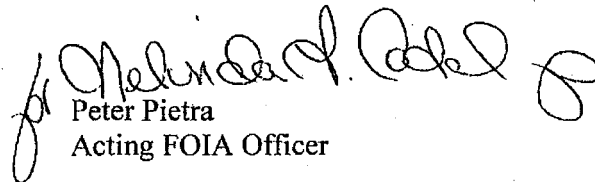
Dear Mr. Thurber:

This acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), dated June 19, 2009, and seeking a copy of a report TSA conducted. Your request was received in this office on June 24, 2009:

Upon review of your request, I have determined that this office previously acknowledged your request on February 13, 2009. You were informed that your FOIA request was received, therefore, given identification number TSA09-0264. As your request of June 19, 2009 is a duplicate of your February 13, 2009, it will be administratively closed.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter, please feel free to contact this office at 866.364.2872.

Sincerely,


Peter Pietra
Acting FOIA Officer

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2009 9:10 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: SSI Review of TSA 09-0294 is complete

Hi (b)(6)

We have finished reviewing TSA09-0294. Please retrieve your document from the inbox at your earliest convenience! Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

(b)(6)

TSA Office of Intelligence- SSI Office
TSA Headquarters East Tower E11-219S
601 South 12th Street
Arlington, VA 20598-6031

(b)(6)

<TSA-FOIA>

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2011 1:55 PM
To: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: 09-0058 and 09-0264

UPDATE

(b)(6) returned both files today and told me they were sent back to SSI on August 19, 2011. I was under the assumption that both files were being circulated by BJ for coordination, (b)(6) stated they would probably be here at headquarters for awhile. Essentially it doesn't appear that they will be released anytime soon. YC updated FileMaker August 22, 2011.

I guess we continue to hold on to the files until further notice.

(b)(6)



Transportation
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February 13, 2009

TSA09-0264

Mr. Matt Thurber
Aviation International News
4572 Via Marina #302
Marina Del Ray, CA 90292

Dear Mr. Thurber:

This is to inform you that on February 11, 2009, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Office received your FOIA request dated January 29, 2009. Your request has been given identification number TSA09-0264. Please cite this number in any further inquiry about this request.

TSA uses a multi-track system to process requests on a first-in, first-out basis. Simple requests are able to be answered more quickly and will be placed on the fast track of our multi-track processing. More complex requests generally require significant processing time. Although TSA's goal is to respond within 20 business days of receipt of your request, the FOIA does permit a 10-day extension of this time period. If your request involves a voluminous amount of records, requires that we collect records from separate offices, or requires that we consult with another agency, TSA will invoke the 10-day extension for your request.

If you would like to narrow the scope of your request, we may be able to respond more quickly. Please contact us if you wish to narrow your request or arrange for an alternative time to complete the processing. We can be reached at the following toll free number (866) 364-2872.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Pietra".

Peter Pietra
Acting FOIA Officer
Freedom of Information Act Office
TSA Headquarters, TSA-20

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) Privacy Act Division

FOIA NUMBER

Date Rec'd: 2/11/2009

TSA09-0264

Suspense: ~~2/18/2009~~

2/23/09

FROM: **Matt Thurber**

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ACTION OFFICE(s): TSA-28 (b)(6)

The attached request is to be responded to ONLY by the FOIA Office. Please return information requested to TSA-20 Rm: 11th floor, 205S, East Tower. If you require any assistance, please contact FOIA office, 571-227-2300. NOTE: The law requires that the request be answered within 20 working days of receipt. Cognizant offices are expected to respond by the suspense date.

Conduct a search for records, *including e-mail records*, responsive to the attached request and forward a legible copy (not the original) of all responsive records found to this office for further processing. If no records exist, a written negative report is required.

Identify any information in the responsive records you found during your search that you believe should be withheld, and explain why you believe its release would be harmful.

Estimate the direct search costs that you believe would be incurred in determining whether records responsive to the attached request are in your files. **Do not initiate a search unless further advised by this office.**

COMMENTS: Contact (b)(6) (571) 227- for questions and comments. Please fill out tasking sheet and return to (b)(6), FOIA Office.

Indicate where you searched and what type of file the responsive documents were found in i.e., on desk, emails, filed by name, filed by SSN, in a general file. You may have responsive documents coming from multiple categories, please indicate for each document.

SEARCH TIME (Hrs)	<u>ACTION OFFICE</u>		<u>ATTORNEY</u>	
	PAY BAND	PROCESSING TIME (Hrs)	PAY BAND	TIME (Hrs)

DATE SEARCH BEGAN _____

This is to certify that all program files pertaining to the FOIA request have been searched and copies of all documents located have been furnished to the FOIA Office.

SIGNATURE OF INDIVIDUAL CERTIFYING ABOVE DATE SIGNED PAY BAND ROUTING SYMBOL

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) Privacy Act Division

FOIA NUMBER

Date Rec'd: 2/11/2009

TSA09-0264

Suspense: ~~2/18/2009~~

2/23/09

FROM: **Matt Thurber**
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Please see attached.

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	PAY BAND	PROCESSING TIME (Hrs)	PAY BAND	PAY BAND
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DATE SEARCH BEGAN 2/13/09

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FOIA NUMBER

Date Rec'd: 2/11/2009

TSA09-0264

Suspense: ~~2/18/2009~~

2/23/09
3/5/09

FROM: Matt Thurber
Aviation International News

ACTION OFFICE(s): TSA-28 (b)(6) TSA-24 (b)(6)

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COMMENTS: Contact (b)(6) (571) 227- (b)(6) for questions and comments. Please fill out tasking sheet and return to (b)(6), FOIA Office.

Indicate where you searched and what type of file the responsive documents were found in i.e., on desk, emails, filed by name, filed by SSN, in a general file. You may have responsive documents coming from multiple categories, please indicate for each document.

SEARCH TIME (Hrs)	ACTION OFFICE		ATTORNEY	
	PAY BAND	PROCESSING TIME (Hrs)	PAY BAND	TIME (Hrs)
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DATE SEARCH BEGAN _____

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) Privacy Act Division

FOIA NUMBER

Date Rec'd: 2/11/2009

TSA09-0264

Suspense:3/23/09

FROM: Matt Thurber

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ACTION OFFICE(s): TSA-28 (b)(6) TSA-24 (b)(6) TSA-10 (b)(6)

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Indicate where you searched and what type of file the responsive documents were found in i.e., on desk, emails, filed by name, filed by SSN, in a general file. You may have responsive documents coming from multiple categories, please indicate for each document.

	<u>ACTION OFFICE</u>		<u>ATTORNEY</u>		
SEARCH	PROCESSING				
TIME (Hrs)	PAY BAND	TIME (Hrs)	PAY BAND	TIME (Hrs)	PAY BAND

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40 minutes

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DATE SEARCH BEGAN 3-16-09

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(b)(6)

SIGNATURE OF INDIVIDUAL CERTIFYING ABOVE

3-17-09

DATE SIGNED

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ROUTING SYMBOL

(b)(6)

<CTR>

From: FOIA
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2009 10:48 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0264
Attachments: tsa09-0264ts.pdf; tsa09-0264req.pdf

Please see attachments:

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FOIA Office (TSA-20)
TSA's Office of the Special Counselor (OSC)
Office: (571) 227-
Fax: (571) 227-1406

(b)(6) <CTR>

From: (b)(6) <CTR>
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2009 9:03 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: New FOIA Tasking 09-0264
Follow Up Flag: TSA-28(b)(6)
Due By: Monday, February 23, 2009 4:00 PM
Flag Status: Flagged
Attachments: FOIA Request 09-0264.pdf

Your suspense date is 2/23/09.

Please see Attachment.

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Thanks

(b)(6)
FOIA Office

2/13/2009



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FOIA Request Certification

INSTRUCTIONS: FOIA Points-of-Contact (POCs) will complete Section II and forward responsive records by mail to the TSA Headquarters FOIA Office, TSA-20, or by e-mail to the tasking individual, unless otherwise noted and explained below. If the search identifies TSA has a large volume of responsive records, FOIA POCs must contact the FOIA Office as soon as possible following receipt of this issued form to provide a cost estimate prior to continuing to process the request. Questions should be directed to the FOIA Office at (571) 227-2300, 866-FOIA-TSA (866-364-2872).

SECTION I: CASE SUSPENSE & IDENTIFICATION

FOIA OFFICE USE ONLY

FOIA POC response required on or before:

FOIA POCs direct e-mails replies to:

FOIA Case No:

Date:

Action Office(s):

Request Received From:

Requester Seeks: (see attached request for further description)

SECTION II: FOIA POC

Part A. Contact Information

Name:

(b)(6)

Phone No.:

(b)(2), (b)(6)

Title:

RFE Lead

Part B. Recommendations (Check all that apply and provide appropriate responses)

- 1. Release all responsive records. (Identify records and from where retrieved)
see attached
- 2. Withhold select responsive records. (explain)
- 3. Withhold all responsive records. (explain)
- 4. No responsive records. Search failed to identify and/or locate responsive records. (explain)
- 5. Recommend FOIA Office contact the following DHS Component, TSA Office and/ or individuals, identified, in order to search for responsive records. (identify)

PART C. Cost Estimate

Search Time (hrs.) / Pay Band	Processing Time (hrs.) / Pay Band	Attorney Time (hrs.) / Pay Band
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PART D. Response Certification

I certify that a search reasonably calculated to uncover all responsive records, paper and electronic, has been conducted and all responsive records have been reviewed, copied and provided to the HQ FOIA Office -TSA-20, or otherwise noted with explanations and/or recommendations provided herein.

FOIA POC Signature:

(b)(6)

Date:

3-17-2009

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) Privacy Act Division

FOIA NUMBER

Date Rec'd: 2/11/2009

TSA09-0264

Suspense:3/23/09

FROM: Matt Thurber

Aviation International News

ACTION OFFICE(s): TSA-28(b)(6); TSA-24(b)(6); TSA-10(b)(6)

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SIGNATURE OF INDIVIDUAL CERTIFYING ABOVE DATE SIGNED PAY BAND ROUTING SYMBOL

General Aviation Risk Assessment FOIA Request:

In response to FOIA Request#: TSA09-0058 we have pulled together the requested documents. The amount of email traffic on this request is very lengthy, however, the original request only asks for the risk assessment, in which all the emails pertain to.

Apart from the GA risk assessment, which was completed in May 2007, TSA also has in its possession an independent study by Center of Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), titled "*General Aviation Security: Threats, Vulnerabilities, and Priorities*", from March of 2005.

Additionally, the information provided pertains to GA risk assessments, not threat assessments, since the request only asked for risk assessments. If threat assessments are also required, the TSA Office of Intelligence will need to participate in this effort.

(b)(5)

(b)(5)

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Arlington, VA 22202



Transportation
Security
Administration

Date: August 10, 2009
Subject: FOIA: TSA09-0264
From: Director, SSI Office
Office of the Special Counselor
To: Kevin Janet, FOIA Officer, FOIA/PA Division
Transportation Security Administration

Per your request, the above-referenced file has been reviewed for Sensitive Security Information (SSI). Our office has determined that it contains no SSI.

If, during your review or that of the Office of Chief Counsel, any questions arise regarding the recommendations made by this office, please feel free to contact us on extension 7-3513.

Sincerely,

(b)(6) *for*
Andrew Colsky

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Arlington, VA 22202



Transportation
Security
Administration

Date: April 6, 2011

Subject: FOIA: TSA09-0058 Re-review

Gen. Av. Risk Assessment ROM

From: (b)(6), SSI Program
Office of Law Enforcement/FAMS

To: Yvonne Coates, FOIA Officer, FOIA/PA Division
Transportation Security Administration

Per your request, the attached file has been reviewed for Sensitive Security Information (SSI). The information identified as SSI reveals vulnerability assessments information. Therefore, the information in the file should be withheld under FOIA Exemption 3 – 49 CFR 1520.5(b)(5). Please note that additional FOIA exemptions might apply to other portions of the documents.

Our shorthand for redaction citations, as you know, is to note the paragraph within 49 CFR 1520.5(b). Thus, for example: (6)(i) means Exemption 3 – 49 CFR 1520.5(b)(6)(i). The term “RLS” is shorthand for release, meaning to “ignore any previous SSI redactions because this information is not SSI and Exemption 3 does not apply”; the term “WIF” is shorthand for “withhold this entire page [or document] in full”; “RIF” means “this entire page [or document] is not SSI and Exemption 3 does not apply.”

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Sincerely,

(b)(6)

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Arlington, VA 22202



Transportation
Security
Administration

Date: April 11, 2011
Subject: FOIA: TSA09-0264 Re-review
From: (b)(6), SSI Program
Office of Security Services and Assessments
To: Yvonne L. Coates, FOIA Officer, FOIA/PA Division
Transportation Security Administration

Per your request, the attached files have been reviewed for Sensitive Security Information (SSI). Our program has determined that it contains no SSI.

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Sincerely,

(b)(6)

(b)(6) <CTR>

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, November 05, 2008 2:09 PM
To: Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>; (b)(6) <CTR>
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: FOIA Request 09-0058 (9-0262)
Attachments: FOIA Request.doc

To: TSA FOIA Office,

Below is TSNM's response to FOIA Request 09-0058, and based on the discussion below, (b)(5)

[Redacted]

Thanks

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11/6/2008

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(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2009 3:16 PM
To: (b)(6) <CTR>; (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: FW: New FOIA Tasking 09-0264
Attachments: FOIA Request 09-0264.pdf; TSA09-0058_first request (email).pdf

(b)(6)

The FOIA request we received today, is one that we have already provided documents for. Kevin met with myself and (b)(6) and we provided Kevin with Volumes 1 and 2, of the GA Risk Assessments, and I also provided (b)(6) with a CD copy of those documents as well. Per the email below from (b)(6) we believe this individual has put out a second request for these documents. I have attached the first request and the second request sent to me this morning.

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2009 3:07 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: New FOIA Tasking 09-0264

(b)(6)

I think you right. It looks like the individual is putting in a second request for the same information we submitted earlier to the FOIA office.

Thanks,
(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2009 9:13 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: New FOIA Tasking 09-0264

(b)(6), this is a new FOIA request and just to make sure I am correct. This is the same request that you provided the booklet (Vol 1 and Vol 2 plus a copy CD correct? It is from them same guy Matt Thurber. Please let me know and I will go back to the FOIA office. I have also attached the first request he sent in.

Thanks
(b)(6)

From: (b)(6) <CTR>
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2009 9:03 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: New FOIA Tasking 09-0264

Your suspense date is 2/23/09.

Please see Attachment.

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Thanks

To: FOIA Office

From: TSNM -(b)(6)

Re: (b)(6) TSNM General Aviation, believes FOIA request #09-0264, is the same as request # 09-0058. The individual seems to be putting in a second request for the same information. After a meeting with Kevin Janet (around Dec/Jan) for #09-0058, Volumes I and II of the GA Risk Assessments were provided. (b)(6) believes this documentation will cover both of these requests. A CD copy of the Risk Assessments was also provided to (b)(6)

(b)(6) <CTR>

From: (b)(6) <CTR>
Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2009 10:14 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: New FOIA Tasking (09-0264)
Follow Up Flag: TSA-24 (b)(6)
Due By: Thursday, March 05, 2009 4:00 PM
Flag Status: Flagged
Attachments: FOIA Req 09-0264.pdf

Your suspense date is 3/5/09.

Please see attachment.

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Thanks

2/26/2009

E11-2075

FOIA copy

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2009 1:47 PM
To: Washington-Holland, Michelle ; (b)(6)
Cc: TSA-OI_RFI; (b)(6)
Subject: TSA/Intel-RFI #955: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0264
Importance: High
Attachments: tsa09-0264ts.pdf; tsa09-0264req.pdf

TSA/Intel-RFI #955, due 23 Mar 09, forwarded for your action.

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Thank you,

(b)(6)

Mission Support Unit (MSU)
Office of Intelligence
Transportation Security Administration

(b)(2), (b)(6)

3/16/2009

RFI Email: TSA-OI_RFI@tsa.dhs.gov
Email: (b)(6)@dhs.gov
ICMail: (b)(6)@tsa.ic.gov

From: FOIA
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2009 10:48 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0264

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FOIA Office (TSA-20)
TSA's Office of the Special Counselor (OSC)
Office: (571) 227-
Fax: (571) 227-1406

3/16/2009

(b)(6) <CTR>

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2009 5:58 AM
To: (b)(6) <CTR>
Cc: TSA-OI_RFI
Subject: RE: TSA/Intel-RFI #955: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0264

(b)(6)

See below in RED in response to FOIA TSA09-0264. I'll bring the Certification to you; where are you located?

(b)(6)

Mission Support Unit (MSU)
Office of Intelligence
Transportation Security Administration

(b)(2), (b)(6)

RFI Email: TSA-OI_RFI@tsa.dhs.gov

Email (b)(6)@dhs.gov

ICMail: (b)(6)@tsa.ic.gov

From: Washington-Holland, Michelle
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2009 3:11 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: TSA-OI_RFI; (b)(6)
Subject: RE: TSA/Intel-RFI #955: FOIA Tasking TSA09-0264

Response to Questions:

1. TSA-OI conducted, or rather produced, a General Aviation Threat Assessment at the U//FOUO level in November 2007. However, an updated assessment was produced as an appendix to the Civil Aviation Threat Assessment in December 2008.
2. See above.
3. See above.
4. (U//FOUO) TSA's Office of Intelligence assesses that while terrorist groups maintain the capability and intent to conduct terrorist attacks against U.S. civil aviation, and have shown some interest in conducting attacks using general aviation overseas, there is little evidence to suggest that terrorists are turning their attention specifically to the general aviation sector in the Homeland. (U//FOUO "contains information that may be exempt from public release under the FOIA act"... "is not to be released to the public, the media"... "no portion of this report should be furnished to the media, either in written or verbal form.")
5. TSA-OI produces an annual written product that will be included in the Civil Aviation Threat Assessment.
6. The next iteration is scheduled for September 2009.
7. (U//FOUO) To assess the threat to general aviation aircraft and airports. The assessment examines a variety of actors with the capability and intent to carry out operations against U.S. general aviation and the tactics they may use. (U//FOUO "contains information that may be exempt from public release under the FOIA act"... "is not to be released to the public, the media"... "no portion of this report should be furnished to the media, either in written or verbal form.")

Michelle Washington-Holland
Director, Transportation Intelligence Analysis
Office of Intelligence | Transportation Security Administration
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Office: (b)(2), (b)(6) | BB: (b)(2), (b)(6)

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Email: (b)(6)@dhs.gov
ICMail (b)(6)@tsa.ic.gov

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From: Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>
Sent: Thursday, May 07, 2009 11:28 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>
Subject: FW: TSA09-0058 GA risk assessments, TSA09-0264 GA threat assessment
Attachments: 2007nov report.pdf; Civil Aviation Threat Assessment dec 08.pdf; tasking emails to tsa10.pdf

Consider this an operational heads-up, especially for OI. This is a second request filed by Matt Thurber/Aviation International News. The first request (TSA09-0058) pertains to the GA Risk Assessment prepared for TSA by the Homeland Security Institute. This request (TSA09-0264), pertains to civil aviation (general aviation) threat assessments. The 11/2007 threat assessment report prepared by OI, contains information very similar to that found in the GA Threat Assessment report, such as GA facts, figures and definitions as well as general information about terrorists and other potential bad actors. (I understand OCC will recommend release of the GA Risk Assessment Report in full). The 11/2007 threat assessment is heavily footnoted for its content. Of the 22 footnotes, 20 are public sources (published media reports and public source internet content.) The final two footnotes pertain to al-Qa'ida alleged terrorist plots, one of which I found on MSNBC: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/5626850/>. The second one pertains to an anonymous source giving information about an alleged al-Qa'ida plot to use helicopters to crash into the Library Tower/Los Angeles. The terrorists' supposed interest in the Library Tower is widely published.

Regarding the 12/2008 threat assessment, I have run numerous queries of the data and found the information to be publicly available.

(b)(5)

(b)(6) has asked the FOIA Office to advise OI of the decision prior to release and we will do so. (b)(6) I am open to hearing any concerns your office may have regarding the release of these records.

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, May 07, 2009 8:36 AM
To: Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>
Subject: TSA09-0264 another sensitive issue like 09-0058

(b)(6)

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Transportation Security Administration
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5/7/2009

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6) <CTR>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2009 11:20 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: Status Update

H (b)(6)

I just wanted to give you a status on the FOIAs mentioned below. It should be noted that both of them are still under review by the Subject Matter Experts:

09-0294: "Aviation Playbook"

09-0264: "General Aviation Threat Assessment" (rel. to FOIA 09-0058)

I will continue to provide a status until these files completed our review process. If you have any questions, or I can provide further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks,

(b)(6)

Transportation Security Administration
OSC/Sensitive Security Information Office

(b)(6)

601 South 12th Street
E11-223S
Arlington, VA 22202-4220
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6/23/2009

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2010 3:34 PM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC> (b)(6); Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>; (b)(6)
Subject: As per our meetings today on FOIAs 09-0058 and 09-0264

This is a summary of our meeting today on the General Aviation (GA) FOIAs 09-0058 and 09-0264.

09-0058
FOIA 09-0264 consist of three reports:

- Part I Final Report
- Part II Appendices
- Part III Classified Report

The Part I and Part II have been reviewed for SSI by the SSI Branch (b)(6) SMEs, and OCC (b)(6), please provide the name(s) of the SMEs who worked on this issue.

Part III will need to be reviewed to determine if the information can be de-classified. Kevin has the lead on the issue of Part III. The FOIA 09-0264 is currently in the FOIA Office until the issue of Part III is resolved.

FOIA 09-0264 is with the SSI Branch. The SSI Branch will review Part I and Part II and use these documents as a guideline to determine if there is any information in FOIA 09-0264 that may be protected as SSI. (b)(6) and (b)(6) will be re-reviewing this FOIA.

Thanks everyone.

(b)(6)

Sensitive Security Information (SSI) Branch
Business Management Office
Office of Intelligence (TSA-10)
Transportation Security Administration
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
(571) 227- (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Subject: FW: FOIAs 09-0058 and 09-0264
Location: HQE12-002 6 Seat Conference Room

Start: Tue 2/2/2010 11:00 AM
End: Tue 2/2/2010 12:00 PM
Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: (b)(6)

(b)(6), maybe should attend. I am bringing you the files to hold until then.

-----Original Appointment-----

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2010 11:39 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6); Janet, Kevin <TSA FOIA>
Subject: FOIAs 09-0058 and 09-0264
When: Tuesday, February 02, 2010 11:00 AM-12:00 PM (GMT-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: HQE12-002 6 Seat Conference Room

(b)(6), please email me or provide me copies of the GA reports with the SSI redactions from your records.

It is my understanding that (b)(6) intended to finalize the portion-marking of the GA reports in both FOIA 09-0058 and FOIA 09-0264. Once (b)(6) returns, he can finalize the markings as he was involved in the discussions on these reports. If in two weeks, (b)(6), then other members of the SSI Branch, (b)(6) will finalize the markings of the reports.

Please let me know if you need additional information on this issue.

Thanks everyone.

(b)(6) <TSA OCC>

Subject: Outstanding FOIAs for GA Risk Assessments
Location: HQE12-001N 18 Seat Conference Room

Start: Fri 7/1/2011 10:30 AM
End: Fri 7/1/2011 11:00 AM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Meeting organizer

Organizer: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>

Required Attendees: Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <EP-TSOC>; Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>; (b)(6)

Resources: HQE12-001N 18 Seat Conference Room

TSA has 3 outstanding FOIA requests for the 3-volume GA Risk Assessment: TSA09-0058, TSA09-0168 & TSA09-0264. As some of you will recall, the initial review of the risk assessment found no SSI. (b)(5)

The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether the Gale briefing is still needed. If so, is the margin annotation still needed?

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, July 08, 2011 1:32 PM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <EP-TSOC>; Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Outstanding FOIAs for GA Risk Assessments

I just heard from our contractor that the document in question – Secret Level Annex is 22 pages

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, July 08, 2011 11:13 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <EP-TSOC>; (b)(6) Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Outstanding FOIAs for GA Risk Assessments

I did not see the document in our safe.

-----Original Appointment-----

From: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2011 11:19 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <EP-TSOC>; Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>; (b)(6) Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6)
Subject: Outstanding FOIAs for GA Risk Assessments
When: Friday, July 08, 2011 10:30 AM-11:00 AM (GMT-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: HQE12-001N 18 Seat Conference Room

TSA has 3 outstanding FOIA requests for the 3-volume GA Risk Assessment: TSA09-0058, TSA09-0168 & TSA09-0264. As some of you will recall, the initial review of the risk assessment found no SSI. (b)(5)

[REDACTED]

The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether the Gale briefing is still needed. If so, is the margin annotation still needed?

(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 8:46 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Cc: Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <EP-TSOC>; (b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>
Subject: RE: Status of GARA (RE: Outstanding FOIAs for GA Risk Assessments)

I have marked the associated FOIAs (TSA09-0058, TSA09-0168 & TSA09-0264) in Filemaker as being delivered to SSI by you on 8/19/11.

Yvonne L. Coates

Director, Freedom of Information Act Office
Office of the Special Counselor
Transportation Security Administration
(571) 227-^{(b)(2), (b)(6)}

From: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2011 2:41 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <EP-TSOC>; (b)(6); Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>
Subject: RE: Status of GARA (RE: Outstanding FOIAs for GA Risk Assessments)

Thanks, (b)(6) Yvonne, these FOIAs should be marked as being in SSI review in FileMaker.

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Office of Chief Counsel
Transportation Security Administration
571-227-
(b)(2), (b)(6) (BB)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2011 11:45 AM
To: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>
Cc: Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <EP-TSOC>; (b)(6)
Subject: Status of GARA (RE: Outstanding FOIAs for GA Risk Assessments)

(b)(6)

There appears to be some confusion regarding the tasking that resulted from this meeting. I was under the impression TSNM was going to look it over a last time and submit to us any areas they thought redactions should be expanded. TSNM thought we were going to look over their earlier proposed redactions and explain why areas are not SSI.

To resolve this I have created redacted versions of Vols I & II. I am having two analysts with no previous exposure to the documents review the redacted version with a broad eye to sensitivity.

I will assess any areas they identify then expand redactions where appropriate and send that version out for final concurrence. We lack the resources to create an explanation for every paragraph that is not SSI and were I to pick and choose which paragraphs to justify I would no doubt miss some paragraph, sentence or chart title that raised questions.

(b)(6)

OLE/FAMS, Office of Security, SSI Program

7- [redacted]; (b)(2), (b)(6) (cell)

Records guide 5000 unless otherwise noted.

-----Original Appointment-----

From: (b)(6) <TSA OCC>

Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2011 10:23 AM

To: Johnson, Robert S <TSA OCC>; (b)(6) <EP-TSOC>; Coates, Yvonne <TSA OSC>; (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Subject: Outstanding FOIAs for GA Risk Assessments

When: Thursday, July 07, 2011 4:30 PM-5:00 PM (GMT-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: HQE12-001N 18 Seat Conference Room

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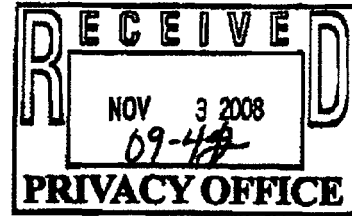
(b)(6) <CTR>

From: (b)(6)@aol.com
Sent: Friday, October 31, 2008 1:27 PM
To: FOIA; (b)(6)
Subject: EEOC NO: 520-2008-00355X- 2nd REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTS

09-0607
TSA 09-0108
11/24/08
12/19/08

Date: October 30, 2008

To: Director, Departmental Disclosure & FOIA
The Privacy Office
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
245 Murray Lane Mail Stop 0550
Washington, D.C. 20520



From: (b)(6)

Subject: EEOC NO: 520-2008-00355X
AGENCY NO.: CBP-002124-040115
SECOND REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

A. The Discovery Requests seek all information that is known or available to you, your agents, representatives, investigators, consultants, and, unless privileged, your attorneys, and also their agents, employees, representatives or investigators

B. If you cannot answer any of the following Discovery Requests in full, after exercising due diligence in securing information to do so, so state and answer to the extent possible, with whatever knowledge you have and describe the investigation undertaken by you to answer the respective discovery request in full.

C. DEFINITIONS:

1. Document: means a copy of the original and each non- identical copy of each writing of every kind and description (with all worksheets, supporting documents, and other relevant material), by hand or by mechanical, electronic, photographic, computer or other means (recordings, film, tape, or other), and including but not limited to, correspondence, letters, telegrams messages, teletype messages, memoranda, E-Mail, notes, reports, records of meetings, conferences or telephone or other conversations or communications, studies, statistical analyses, calendars, tabulations, drawings, or graphs.

2. Any request to identify any record, document or writing shall include identification as to : a- the date the same was dated or prepared; b- the name, address and title of the person preparing same; c- the name, address and title of the person for and/or to whom the same was prepared and addressed; d- the name, address, title of all persons to whom copies of the same were furnished or otherwise forwarded; e- the

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title and or other designation or name given to same; f- the name, address, title of the person or persons having possession, custody or control of the same at the present time, and the specific file and/ or document locator number.

3. Any request to identify a person shall include identification fully as to: a- name; b- business address and telephone number; c- title, occupation and employer (if TSA employee position and grade); and d- relationship to you.

4. The words "you" and "your" shall mean the Agency (Transportation Security Administration), You, your agents, servants, employees, representatives, officers or anyone acting for or on your behalf, or on the Agency's behalf.

D. If any answer to the following Discovery Requests is answered other than from Personal Knowledge, identify in accordance with C-3, each person who has knowledge of the truth and facts given in each answer.

E. Any objection made to any of the Discovery Request must be stated, along with the basis for the objection.

F. If any matter responsive to any of the Discovery is withheld based on any claims of privilege identify as to each privileged communication or document:

1- date

2-author(s)

3-business title or position of its author(s)

4-its recipient

5-the basis for the claim of privilege.

COMPLAINANT'S REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS:

1. Any and all documents, writings, records contained in any Investigative file/folder that were utilized for disciplinary actions, charges of adverse action, lowering of pay and grade, that was used in preparation of your case against the complainant to demote, discipline, or for admonishments, as well as derogatory information provided to Customs and Border Protection (CBP).

2. A copy of all documents relating to the administrative test given to Complainant by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) July 15th, 2005, including any response submitted in connection to it.

3. A copy of all documents relating to the Demotion of Complainant from supervisory position with the TSA in June 2005, including any response submitted. A copy of all complaints of flight delay, missing flights because of complainant's actions filed by South West Airline, Flight Operations ISP Airport report of Flight Delays or Cancellations, Passengers in connection with complainant's actions and as it relates to the charge, supporting demotion, witness statements and supporting affidavits.

4. A copy of all documents relating to the Charge by TSA of Misconduct of Standard Operating Procedures including any response filed in connection with the charges.

5. A copy of all documents relating to the sexual harassment complaint filed against Complainant by a female TSA employee including any response filed in connection with the complaint.

6. A copy of all documents relating to the reprimand that was issued to complainant by the TSA on

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November 20th, 2003 including any response filed in connection with the reprimand.

7. Any documents and correspondence that you have written or received regarding the allegations of Discrimination, Harassment, Hostile work environment, Unfair promotions, and personnel practices, interrogatories and any documents received as a result of that correspondence.

(b)(6)
Complainant

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the enclosed document was sent by Certified Mail, this day to:

Director, Departmental Disclosure & FOIA
The Privacy Office
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
245 Murray Lane Mail Stop 0550
Washington, D.C. 20520

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DHS-Privacy/FOIA Office

245 Murray Drive SW, Building 410

Washington

DC

20528-0550

(b)(6) FOIA request referred to TSA/FOIA from Department of Homeland Security (DHS): DHS//PRIV/09-42/(b)(6) request; See attachment for requested documents.

6/10/09 Reopen request - received original perjury stmt (See TSA09-0108). (b)(6)

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Homeland Security

Privacy Office, Mail Stop 0550

November 13, 2008

(b)(6)

Re: DHS/OS/PRIV/ 09-42/Puello request

Dear **(b)(6)**

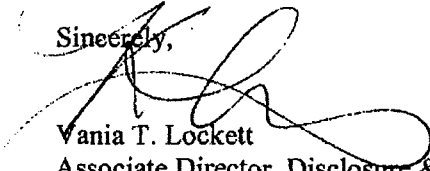
This acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), dated October 31, 2008, and received in this office on November 3, 2008. You are seeking the following:

1. Any and all documents, writings, records contained in any investigative file/folder utilized for disciplinary actions, charges of adverse action, or lowering of pay and grade during preparation of a case against the complainant to demote and/or discipline, to include derogatory information provided to Customs and Border Protection (CBP);
2. A copy of all documents relating to the administrative test given to the complainant by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) July 15th, 2005, including any response submitted in connection to it;
3. A copy of all documents relating to the demotion of the complainant from supervisory position with the TSA in June, 2005, including any response submitted, a copy of all complaints of flight delay, missing flights because of complainant's actions filed by Southwest Airline, Flight Operations ISP Airport reports of flight delays or cancellations, passengers in connection with complainant's actions and related to the charge supporting demotion, to include witness statements and supporting affidavits;
4. A copy of all documents relating to the charge by TSA of misconduct of standard operating procedures, including any response filed in connection with the charges;
5. A copy of all documents relating to the sexual harassment complaint filed against the complainant by a female TSA employee, including any response filed in connection with the complaint;
6. A copy of all documents relating to the reprimand issued to the complainant by the TSA on November 20, 2003, including any response filed in connection with the reprimand; and
7. Any documents and/or correspondence written or received regarding the allegations of discrimination, harassment, hostile work environment, unfair promotions, and personnel practices, to include interrogations and any documents received as a result of that correspondence.

Upon initial review of your request, I have determined that the information you are seeking is under the purview of two DHS components: the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), and United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP). Therefore, I am referring your request to the FOIA Officers for TSA and CBP for processing and direct response to you. You may contact the TSA by writing to Transportation Security Administration, 601 S. 12th Street, 11th Floor, East Tower, Arlington, VA 22202 or via telephone at 1-866-FOIA-TSA or 571-227-2300. You may contact CBP by writing to U.S. Customs and Border Protection, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Mint Annex, Washington, D.C. 20229 or via telephone at 202-572-8720.

If you need to contact this office again concerning your request, please refer to **DHS/OS/PRIV 09-42(b)(6)** request. This office can be reached at 866-431-0486.

Sincerely,


Vania T. Lockett
Associate Director, Disclosure & FOIA Operations

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Freedom of Information Act Office
Arlington, VA 22202



Transportation
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November 25, 2008

TSA09-0108

(b)(6)

Dear (b)(6)

This is to inform you that on November 24, 2008, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Office received your FOIA request dated October 31, 2008.

Your request has been given identification number TSA09-0108. Because you have asked for copies of records about yourself, TSA must verify the identity to ensure that your personal information is not released to anyone other than you. Pursuant to Department of Homeland Security regulation 6 C.F.R. § 5.21(d), you can verify your identity for purposes of this request by providing the information requested below and attesting to its accuracy under penalty of perjury. Your FOIA/PA request will not be perfected, and therefore will not be processed, until your identity is verified.

(b)(6)

(Full Name)

(b)(6)

(Current Address - if different than address listed above)

(b)(6)

(Date of Birth)

(b)(6)

(Place of Birth)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on (date)

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(b)(6)

(Signature of Subject)



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FOIA Case Number TSA09-0607

(b)(6)

Dear **(b)(6)**:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated June 6, 2007, to the Transportation Security Administration for the following:

1. Any and all documents, writings, records contained in any investigative file/folder utilized for disciplinary actions, charges of adverse action, or lowering of pay and grade during preparation of a case against the complainant to demote and/or discipline, to include derogatory information provided to Customs and Border Protection (CBP);
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4. A copy of all documents relating to the charge by TSA of misconduct of standard operating procedures, including any response filed in connection with charges;
5. A copy of all documents relating to the sexual harassment complaint file against the complainant by a female TSA employee, including any response filed in connection with the complaint;
6. A copy of all documents relating to the reprimand issued to the complainant by the TSA on November 20, 2003, including any response filed in connection with the reprimand; and
7. Any documents and/or correspondence written or received regarding the allegations of discrimination, harassment, hostile work environment, unfair promotions, and personnel practices, to include interrogations and any documents received as a result of that correspondence.

By letter, dated November 25, 2008, we did not advise you that due to the increasing number of FOIA requests by this office, we could encounter some delay in processing your request. We are advising you now and sincerely apologize for the delay and inconvenience it may have caused. However, we want to let you know that we have been making earnest and diligent efforts to reduce the backlog of cases, and that your file is scheduled to be reviewed in the near future.

Before we begin the time-consuming review process, we want to ensure that you are still interested in continuing the processing of this request. Please indicate your continued interest in pursuing these records within 30 days from the date of this letter, or we will assume you are no longer interested in this FOIA request, and the case will be administratively closed.

If you have any questions pertaining to your request, please feel free to contact the FOIA Office at 1-866-364-2872 or locally at 571-227-2300 or by email at foia@tsa.gov.

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

Kevin J. Janet

FOIA Officer

For Freedom of Information Act

OHC TSA-21,
& AIRPORT (ISP)

Task Offices:

Check Privacy Act/perjury statement box: YES No

Print Acknowledgement Letter: YES No

Print Perjury Statement: YES No

Print Third Party Statement: YES No

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) Privacy Act Division

FOIA NUMBER

Date Rec'd: 11/24/2008

TSA09-0108

Suspense: ~~12/1/2008~~

12/9/08

FROM: Vania Lockett
DHS - Privacy/FOIA Office

ACTION OFFICE(s): TSA-21 (b)(6) FSD/ISP (b)(6)

The attached request is to be responded to ONLY by the FOIA Office. Please return information requested to TSA-20 Rm: 11th floor, 205S, East Tower. If you require any assistance, please contact FOIA office, 571-227-2300. NOTE: The law requires that the request be answered within 20 working days of receipt. Cognizant offices are expected to respond by the suspense date.

Conduct a search for records, including e-mail records, responsive to the attached request and forward a legible copy (not the original) of all responsive records found to this office for further processing. If no records exist, a written negative report is required.

Identify any information in the responsive records you found during your search that you believe should be withheld, and explain why you believe its release would be harmful.

Estimate the direct search costs that you believe would be incurred in determining whether records responsive to the attached request are in your files. Do not initiate a search unless further advised by this office.

COMMENTS: Contact (b)(6) (571) 227- for questions and/or comments. Please fill out the tasking sheet and return to (b)(6), FOIA Office.

Indicate where you searched and what type of file the responsive documents were found in i.e., on desk, emails, filed by name, filed by SSN, in a general file. You may have responsive documents coming from multiple categories, please indicate for each document.

SEARCH TIME (Hrs)	ACTION OFFICE		ATTORNEY	
	PAY BAND	PROCESSING TIME (Hrs)	PAY BAND	TIME (Hrs)

DATE SEARCH BEGAN _____

This is to certify that all program files pertaining to the FOIA request have been searched and copies of all documents located have been furnished to the FOIA Office.

SIGNATURE OF INDIVIDUAL CERTIFYING ABOVE DATE SIGNED PAY BAND ROUTING SYMBOL

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) Privacy Act Division

FOIA NUMBER

Date Rec'd: 11/24/2008

TSA09-0108

Suspense: ~~12/1/2008~~

2/5/09

FROM: Vania Lockett
DHS - Privacy/FOIA Office

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ACTION OFFICE(s): TSA-21 (b)(6) FSD/ISP (b)(6)

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No Records for TSA-21; this is at the APT level, except perhaps #6 which may be PerSec.

SEARCH TIME (Hrs)	ACTION OFFICE		ATTORNEY	
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DATE SEARCH BEGAN 1/24/08

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SIG (b)(6) CERTIFYING ABOVE DATE SIGNED 2/6/09 PAY BAND F ROUTING SYMBOL TSA-21



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FOIA Request Certification

INSTRUCTIONS: FOIA Points-of-Contact (POCs) will complete Section II and forward responsive records by mail to the TSA Headquarters FOIA Office, TSA-20, or by e-mail to the tasking individual, unless otherwise noted and explained below. If the search identifies TSA has a large volume of responsive records, FOIA POCs must contact the FOIA Office as soon as possible following receipt of this issued form to provide a cost estimate prior to continuing to process the request. Questions should be directed to the FOIA Office at (571) 227-2300, 866-FOIA-TSA (866-364-2872).

SECTION I: CASE SUSPENSE & IDENTIFICATION		
FOIA OFFICE USE ONLY		
FOIA POC response required on or before: 11/16/11		
FOIA POCs direct e-mails replies to: TSA.FOIAPOCResponses@tsa.dhs.gov		
FOIA Case No.: TSA09-0607	Date: 11/10/11	
Action Office(s): OHC/TSA-21 (b)(6)		
Request Received From: (b)(6)		
Requester Seeks: (see attached request for further description)		
SECTION II: FOIA POC		
Part A. Contact Information		
Name:	Phone No.:	
Title:		
Part B. Recommendations (Check all that apply and provide appropriate responses)		
<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Release all responsive records. (identify records and from where retrieved)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Withhold select responsive records. (explain)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Withhold all responsive records. (explain)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	4. No responsive records. Search failed to identify and/or locate responsive records. (explain)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Recommend FOIA Office contact the following DHS Component, TSA Office and/ or individuals, identified, in order to search for responsive records. (identify)	
PART C. Cost Estimate		
Search Time (hrs.) / Pay Band	Processing Time (hrs.) / Pay Band	Attorney Time (hrs.) / Pay Band
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PART D. Response Certification		
I certify that a search reasonably calculated to uncover all responsive records, paper and electronic, has been conducted and all responsive records have been reviewed, copied and provided to the HQ FOIA Office -TSA-20, or otherwise noted with explanations and/or recommendations provided herein.		
FOIA POC Signature:		Date:

(b)(6) <CTR>

From: (b)(6) <CTR>
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2011 8:52 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FOIA request TSA09-0607

Good morning,

Please review and respond to the attachment. Identify any information in the responsive records you found during your search that you believe should be withheld, and explain why you believe its release would be harmful. Forward all responses along with **completed tasking sheet**. Please return the completed tasking sheet (TSA Form 3601) along with responsive records only to TSA.FOIAPOCRESPONSES@tsa.dhs.gov. If there are no responsive records found fill out the form accordingly and return it for record keeping.

Thank you in advance,



Tasking Sheet-
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FOIA request.pdf

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SECTION I: CASE SUSPENSE & IDENTIFICATION		
FOIA OFFICE USE ONLY		
FOIA POC response required on or before: 11/25/2011		
FOIA POCs direct e-mails replies to: TSA.FOIAPOCResponses@tsa.dhs.gov		
FOIA Case No.: TSA09-0607	Date: 11/18/2011	
Action Office(s): FSD (b)(6)		
Request Received From: (b)(6)		
Requester Seeks: (see attached request for further description)		
SECTION II: FOIA POC		
Part A: Contact Information		
Name: (b)(6)	Phone No.: 571-227-(b)(6)	
Title: FOIA Specialist		
Part B: Recommendations (Check all that apply and provide appropriate responses)		
<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Release all responsive records. (identify records and from where retrieved)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Withhold select responsive records. (explain)	
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PART D: Response Certification		
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FOIA POC Signature:		Date:

Statz, Amanda <TSA-FOIA>

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2011 2:03 PM
To: TSA.FOIAPOCResponses
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: TSA09-0607
Attachments: tasking sheet for tsa09 0607.pdf

Good afternoon,

I have attached the FOIA Request Certification for FOIA Case No: TSA09-0607.

Thank you.

(b)(6)

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Jackson Heights, NY 11370
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FOIA Request Certification

INSTRUCTIONS: FOIA Points-of-Contact (POCs) will complete Section II and forward responsive records by mail to the TSA Headquarters FOIA Office, TSA-20, or by e-mail to the tasking individual, unless otherwise noted and explained below. If the search identifies TSA has a large volume of responsive records, FOIA POCs must contact the FOIA Office as soon as possible following receipt of this issued form to provide a cost estimate prior to continuing to process the request. Questions should be directed to the FOIA Office at (571) 227-2300, 866-FOIA-TSA (866-364-2872).

SECTION I: CASE SUSPENSE & IDENTIFICATION		
FOIA OFFICE USE ONLY		
FOIA POC response required on or before: 11/25/2011		
FOIA POCs direct e-mails replies to: TSA.FOIAPOCResponses@tsa.dhs.gov		
FOIA Case No.: TSA09-0607	Date: 11/18/2011	
Action Office(s): FSD (b)(6)		
Request Received From: (b)(6)		
Requester Seeks: (see attached request for further description)		
SECTION II: FOIA POC		
Name: (b)(6)	Phone No.: 571-227 (b)(6)	
Title: FOIA Specialist		
Part I: Recommendations. Check all that apply and provide appropriate responses.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Release all responsive records. (Identify records and from where retrieved)	
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<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Recommend FOIA Office contact the following DHS Component, TSA Office and/ or individuals, identified, in order to search for responsive records. (Identify)	
Part II: Cost Estimate		
Search Time (hrs.) / Pay Band	Processing Time (hrs.) / Pay Band	Attorney Time (hrs.) / Pay Band
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Part III: POC Certification		
I certify that a search reasonably calculated to uncover all responsive records, paper and electronic, has been conducted and all responsive records have been reviewed, copied and provided to the HQ FOIA Office -TSA-20, or otherwise noted with explanations and/or recommendations provided herein.		
FOIA POC Signature: (b)(6)	Date: 11/29/11	

(b)(6) <TSA-FOIA>

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2011 11:58 AM
To: (b)(6) <CTR>
Subject: RE: FOIA request TSA09-0607
Attachments: TSA09-0108.pdf

Hi (b)(6)

I found this FOIA under TSA09-0108. Attached is the completed tasking sheet from 1/22/08, from (b)(6) handwriting says, "No records for TSA-21; This is at the apt (airport) level, except perhaps #6, which may be PerSec."

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Regards,

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

Office of Human Capital, Policy & Communications Division
W4-218S
571-227- (b)(6)

From: (b)(6) <CTR>
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2011 8:52 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FOIA request TSA09-0607

Good morning,

Please review and respond to the attachment. Identify any information in the responsive records you found during your search that you believe should be withheld, and explain why you believe its release would be harmful. Forward all responses along with **completed tasking sheet**. Please return the completed tasking sheet (TSA Form 3601) along with responsive records only to TSA.FOIAPOCRESPONSES@tsa.dhs.gov. If there are no responsive records found fill out the form accordingly and return it for record keeping.

Thank you in advance,

<< File: Tasking Sheet (b)(6).doc >> << File: FOIA request.pdf >>

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Ms. Kimberly Walton
Special Counselor
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Transportation Security Administration
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RE: TSA11-0734

Dear Ms. Walton,

I am writing in reference to TSA's denial of my FOIA request for records pertaining to security breaches at Chicago O'Hare and Midway Airports. In July, the TSA was asked to appear before a congressional hearing to discuss such events. During that hearing, Congressman Jason Chaffetz of Utah, citing the TSA's own numbers, said that there had been more than 25,000 breaches at U.S. airports since November of 2001, including more than 14,000 where people found their way into sensitive areas and 6,000 in which travelers got past screeners without proper scrutiny. No breakdowns were provided for individual cities. This is all we asked for.


I was especially disappointed at your denial, because it came after TSA far exceeded the statutory guidelines of the Freedom of Information Act. When I received confirmation of receipt of my FOIA request July 15, your agency requested a 10 day extension. Ten days came and went, as did one month, and then two. The denial letter was dated October-21, 2011.

Your agency's denial stated that the information I sought reveals "sensitive security information" which would be "detrimental to the security of transportation" if disclosed. This is spurious on its face, especially in light of the fact that the TSA has already released overall numbers of the very breaches that are the subject of our request.

Transparency in government is a hallmark of a free democracy. Chicago residents certainly deserve to know the status of security at their two primary airports, especially after a new agency was created and given a mandate to assure safety. If in fact the numbers are small, it only reinforces the TSA's continuing declarations that they are doing a good job. If the numbers are large, there might be room for concern, but certainly the agency does not deserve to conceal those numbers under a veil of "sensitive security information".

Please consider this letter a formal appeal of your denial of our FOIA request, TSA11-0734.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phil Rogers", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Phil Rogers
Reporter, WMAQ-TV/NBC Chicago

Cc: Sen. Richard Durbin, Sen. Mark Kirk, Rep. Jason Chaffetz

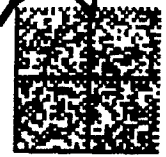
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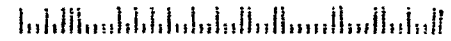


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December 12, 2011

Mr. Phil Rogers
NBC Chicago 5 News
454 North Columbus Drive
Chicago, IL 60611-5555

Re: **TSA11-0734A**

Dear Mr. Rogers:

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) received your letter appealing our final determination regarding your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request **TSA 11-0734**. On behalf of the Special Counselor, we acknowledge your appeal request and have assigned it case number **TSA11-0734A** for tracking purposes. Please reference this number in any future communications about your appeal.

A high number of appeals and requests have been received by TSA. Accordingly, we have adopted the court-sanctioned practice of generally handling backlogged appeals on a first-in, first-out basis.¹ While we will make every effort to process your appeal in a timely manner, there may be some delay in resolving this matter. Should you have any questions concerning the processing of your appeal, please contact the TSA FOIA Office at (571) 227-2300, or tsa.foia@dhs.gov.

Sincerely,


(b)(6)

for Yvonne L. Coates
Director, Freedom of Information Act Office
Office of the Special Counselor
Transportation Security Administration

¹ Appeals of expedited treatment denials will be handled on an expedited basis.

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October 23, 2011

Kimberly Walton, Special Counselor
Office of the Special Counselor
Transportation Security Administration
601 South 12th Street, East Building E7-121S
Arlington, VA 20598-6033

Subject: Appeal of FOIA Case Number: TSA11-0191

Dear Counselor,

On October 10, 2010, arising from my application (and medical no-go) for entry-level TSO at the Portland Regional Office, the core of my FOIA request included the following:

- the four-page checklist/form utilized by (b)(6) and his staff in determining my physical and mental qualifications or suitability for part time work as a TSO
- the regulation/policy or foundational document(s) upon which this four-page form is based

If not included above, I request the medical basis for determining that degenerative disc disease and/or osteoarthritis, controlled and managed long term through daily exercise, stretching and the use of Celebrex, disqualifies the candidate for a part time/probationary opportunity to prove that he or she is in fact capable of fulfilling all job requirements. Again, my issue is with the pass/fail criteria, not CHS staff.

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On September 26, 2011, nearly a year later, I received the most absurd response one could ever imagine: 59 pages of documents totally redacted (black ink top to bottom). As you can see above, I was requesting the medical examination forms relevant to my own screening; and the policy/regulatory documents driving the determination that I was medically incapable of performing the job. This request did not involve any classified material or documents pertaining to any kind of investigation.

At the time of my application for employment, just a few months after returning from a year in Iraq, I could not imagine a more ideal candidate for this job: (b)(6)

(b)(6) – ready and willing to work any assigned hours and duties. You can imagine my frustration on all counts – now compounded by this FOIA response that not only took a year, but also wasted one heck of a lot of black printer ink. I hope that you will agree that TSA has fallen short in both accountability and common sense.

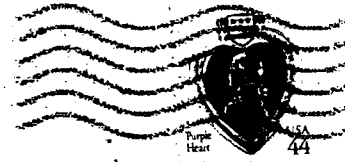
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Cc: Congresswoman Jaime Herrera-Beutler, Third District, Southwest Washington

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SPECIAL COUNSELOR KIMBEELY WALTON
OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL COUNSELOR
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APPEAL

(b)(6)

October 11, 2010

Comprehensive Health Services
Attn: Program Manager TSA
8810 Astronaut Blvd, Suite 124
Cape Canaveral, FL 32920

[**Also faxed to 703-288-5496**]

Subject: Request for Expeditious Review/Reconsideration and/or Documents

Dear Sir/Madam,

First, let me say that (b)(6), on behalf of (b)(6) has been both professional and courteous in all contacts relevant to this most unfortunate dilemma. I am hopeful that common sense and compassion will expeditiously intercede in favorably resolving this matter – not just for me, but also for all disabled veterans who are able to effectively manage their disabilities.

This is regarding my recent “Medical-Fail” arising from my application for entry-level Transportation Security Officer (TSO) at the Portland Regional Office of the Transportation Security Administration. I now respectfully request copies of all records relevant to this process and the subject determination. These records should include, but are not limited to:

- the four-page checklist/form utilized by (b)(6) and his staff in determining my physical and mental qualifications or suitability for part time work as a TSO
- the regulation/policy or foundational document(s) upon which this four-page form is based

If not included above, I request the medical basis for determining that degenerative disc disease and/or osteoarthritis, controlled and managed long term through daily exercise, stretching and the use of Celebrex, disqualifies the candidate for a part time/probationary opportunity to prove that he or she is in fact capable of fulfilling all job requirements. Again, my issue is with the pass/fail criteria, not CHS staff.

(b)(6)

The bottom line is that if the above-requested worksheet and its underlying regulation(s) and policies do not allow for exceptions that are well documented and can be further verified during a part-time/probationary period, how does this process and practice in fact support the hiring of veterans who have stubbornly and painfully worked their way through any of a variety of disabilities?

Please respond as expeditiously as possible since this infrequent hiring cycle is nearing its end.

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

(copies of identification attached)

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U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Freedom of Information Act Office, TSA-20
601 South 12th Street
Arlington, VA 20598-6020



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FOIA Case Number: TSA11-0191

(b)(6)

Dear (b)(6)

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated November 17, 2010, in which you requested a copy of:

1. The TSA and CHS guidance relative to medical screening including how the hiring process is structured to put the go/no go decision so exclusively into the hands of CHS (as opposed to a qualified recommendation to a higher hiring authority who could review the "entire candidate").
2. The checklist specific to this hiring cycle and specific to you, to determine the basis for the medical fail.
3. The guidance associated with the four page checklist as to pass/fail criteria and apparent absence of a "qualified pass" option.

Your request has been processed under the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, and the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552a.

A reasonable search within the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) was conducted and documents (60 pages) responsive to your request were located. These documents have been reviewed and 59 pages are being withheld in full pursuant to FOIA Exemptions (b)(2) and (b)(3). One page is being released in its entirety. A more complete explanation of these exemptions is provided below.

Exemption (b)(2)

Exemption (b)(2) exempts from mandatory disclosure records that are "related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency." We have determined that certain portions of the requested records contain personnel rules and/or internal practices of the TSA and are thus properly withheld from disclosure under this exemption.

Exemption (b)(3)

This information reveals Sensitive Security Information (SSI) and is exempt from disclosure under Exemption (b)(3), which permits the withholding of records specifically exempted from disclosure by another Federal statute. Section 114(r) of title 49, United States Code, exempts from disclosure SSI

that “would be detrimental to the security of transportation” if disclosed. The TSA regulations implementing Section 114(r) are found in 49 CFR Part 1520.

Fees

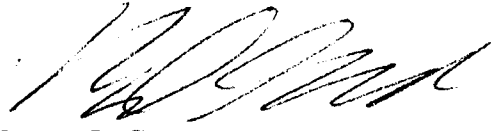
The fees incurred to process your request do not exceed the minimum threshold necessary for charge and, therefore, there are no fees associated with processing this request.

Administrative Appeal

In the event that you may wish to appeal this determination, an administrative appeal may be made in writing to Kimberly Walton, Special Counselor, Office of the Special Counselor, Transportation Security Administration, 601 South 12th Street, East Building, E7-121S, Arlington, VA 20598-6033. Your appeal **must be submitted within 60 days** from the date of this determination. It should contain your FOIA request number and state, to the extent possible, the reasons why you believe the initial determination should be reversed. In addition, the envelope in which the appeal is mailed in should be prominently marked “FOIA Appeal.” Please note that the Special Counselor’s determination of the appeal will be administratively final.

If you have any questions pertaining to your request, please feel free to contact the FOIA Office at 1-866-364-2872 or locally at 571-227-2300.

Sincerely,


For

Yvonne L. Coates
Director, Freedom of Information Act Office
Office of the Special Counselor
Transportation Security Administration

Enclosure



Transportation Security Administration

AFFIRMATION/DECLARATION

This is to affirm that

I, (b)(6) (PRINT FULL NAME)

request access to records maintained by the Transportation Security Administration which pertain to me

My present address is (b)(6)

my date of birth is: (b)(6), and

my place of birth was: (b)(6), and

my citizenship status¹ is (b)(6)

I understand that any knowingly or willfully seeking or obtaining access to records about another person under false pretenses is punishable by a fine of up to \$5,000. I also understand that any applicable fees must be paid by me.

I hereby authorize (b)(6) access to my records. (PRINT FULL NAME)

I request that any located and disclosable records be forwarded to the following individual:

(b)(6) at the following address: (b)(6)

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct, and that I am the person named above, and I understand that any falsification of this statement is punishable under the provisions of 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or by imprisonment of not more than five years or both, and that requesting or obtaining any record(s) under false pretenses is punishable under the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552a(i)(3) by a fine of not more than \$5,000.

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(b)(6) (SIGNATURE OF AFFIRMANT/DECLARANT)

Case #: TSA11-0155

¹ Individual submitting a request under the Privacy Act of 1974 must be either "a citizen of the United States or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence" pursuant to 5 U.S.C. Section 552a(a)(2). Requests will be processed as Freedom of Information Act requests pursuant to 5 U.S.C. Section 552, rather than Privacy Act requests, for individuals who are not United States citizens or aliens lawfully admitted for permanent



Transportation Security Administration

AFFIRMATION/DECLARATION

This is to affirm that

I, (b)(6) (PRINT FULL NAME)

request access to records maintained by the Transportation Security Administration which pertain to me. My present address is:

(b)(6)

my date of birth is: (b)(6), and

my place of birth was: (b)(6), and

my citizenship status¹ is (b)(6)

I understand that any knowingly or willfully seeking or obtaining access to records about another person under false pretenses is punishable by a fine of up to \$5,000. I also understand that any applicable fees must be paid by me.

I hereby authorize Any appropriate TSA employee or contractor access to my records. (PRINT FULL NAME)

I request that any located and disclosable records be forwarded to the following individual:

(b)(6) at the following address:

(PRINT FULL NAME)

(b)(6)

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct, and that I am the person named above, and I understand that any falsification of this statement is punishable under the provisions of 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or by imprisonment of not more than five years or both, and that requesting or obtaining any record(s) under false pretenses is punishable under the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552a(i)(3) by a fine of not more than \$5,000.

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(b)(6)

(SIGNATURE OF AFFIRMAN/DECLARANT)

Case #: TSA11-0155

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT: AUTHORITY: 49 U.S.C. § 114, 5 U.S.C. 552a. PRINCIPAL PURPOSE(S): This information will be used to verify your identity for purposes of processing your request under the Privacy Act, or for records requested during litigation or enforcement action involving TSA. ROUTINE USE(S): This information may be shared pursuant to routine uses identified in the following DHS and TSA system of records, DHS/ATL 001 Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act Record System, DHS/TSA 001 Transportation Security Enforcement Records System, DHS/TSA 002 Transportation Security Threat Assessment System, and DHS/TSA 009 General Legal Records. DISCLOSURE: Voluntary, failure to furnish the requested information may result in no action being taken on your request.

PLEASE RETURN TO: U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Transportation Security Administration, Office, TSA-20, 601 S. 12th Street, East Building, Arlington, VA 20598-6020 or Via Facsimile: 571-227-1406.

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