



U.S. Department
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**Federal Aviation
Administration**

Security and Hazardous
Materials Safety

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Dear Mr. Greenwald:

Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request 2021-006688:

This letter is in response to your Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) FOIA request 2023-006688, submitted on June 27, 2020, in which you requested the following:

“All communications between the FAA and the UAP Task Force and communications between the FAA and the ODNI which created the UAP report. It was revealed in the UAP report that was sent out by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence that the UAP Task Force, while creating that report, did so with input from your agency. Therefore, I am seeking all forms of communications (which would encompass that "input") which would include, but not be limited to, e-mails, memos, letters, reports, photographs, videos, charts, graphs, PowerPoint presentations, etc. For reference, the report that references your agency can be found here: <https://documents2.theblackvault.com/documents/ufos/2021-Government-UAP-UFO-Report.pdf> In regards to the e-mails discovered as responsive to this request, I ask that ALL attachments be included as responsive..”

Your FOIA request was assigned to FAA’s Security and Hazardous Materials Safety (ASH) for response to your request for your security records. The ASH Office of National Security Programs and Incident Response (AXE) conducted an electronic search for responsive records. The UAP report as well as any communications or input as part of review and editing of classified documents is exempt from disclosure under 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(1) as implemented by 49 CFR 7.23(c)(1) as it pertains to classified national security records.

Exemption 1 withholds from disclosure properly classified information that is specifically authorized under criteria established by Executive Order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526, December 29, 2009, pertains to classified national security information and prescribes a uniform system of classifying and safeguarding national security information.

The undersigned is responsible for this denial. There are no fees for the processing of this request.

You may request reconsideration of this determination by writing the Assistant Administrator for Finance and Management (AFN-400), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue., SW, Washington, DC 20591 or through electronic mail at: FOIA-Appeals@faa.gov. Your request for reconsideration must be made in writing within 90 days from the date of this letter and must include all information and arguments relied upon. Your letter must state that it is an appeal from the above-described denial of a request made under the FOIA and include your assigned FOIA control number. The envelope containing the appeal should be marked "FOIA Appeal."

You have the right to seek dispute resolution services from the FAA FOIA Public Liaison via phone (202-267-7799) or email (9-AFN-FOIA-Public-Liaison@faa.gov) noting FOIA Public Liaison in the Subject or the Office of Government Information Services (<https://www.archives.gov/ogis>) via phone (202-741-5770 / toll-free--1-877-684-6448; fax--202-741-5769); or email (ogis@nara.gov).

Sincerely,

Ben Supko
Acting Deputy Associate Administrator for
Security and Hazardous Materials Safety