



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**National Oceanic and Atmospheric**  
**Administration**  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE  
1325 East-West Highway  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3283

March 12, 2024

**Re: FOIA Request DOC-NOAA-2022-001129**

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received by our office on November 11, 2023, in which you requested:

*“Any and all records exchanged between the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Office of the National Director of Intelligence (ODNI) regarding unidentified aerial phenomena (UAP), unidentified flying objects (UFOs), unidentified submerged objects (USOs), unidentified objects, unidentified craft, the Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program (AATIP), Advanced Aerial Threat Identification Program (AATIP), the Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Task Force (UAPTF), the Airborne Object Identification and Management Executive Council (AOIMEXEC), the Airborne Object Identification and Management Synchronization Group (AOIMSG)... from December 1, 2020 up to and including the date on which this request is officially processed.”*

We have located six records responsive to your request. Five of these records are being released to you in their entirety. We are also releasing one records responsive to your request that is partially redacted pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6). Exemption 6 permits the government to withhold all information about individuals when the disclosure of such information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

We are continuing to process your request. Please let us know if you consider this interim response satisfactory to complete your request.

Even though this request is already in litigation, you still have the right to administratively appeal this response. All appeals should include a statement of the reasons why you believe the FOIA response was not satisfactory. An appeal based on documents in this release must be received within 90 calendar days of the date of this response letter at the following address:



Assistant General Counsel for Employment, Litigation, and Information  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
Office of General Counsel  
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW - Room 5896  
Washington, DC 20230

An appeal may also be sent by e-mail to [FOIAAppeals@doc.gov](mailto:FOIAAppeals@doc.gov).

For your appeal to be complete, it must include the following items:

- A copy of the original request;
- our response to your request;
- a statement explaining why the withheld records should be made available, and why the denial of the records was in error.

“Freedom of Information Act Appeal” must appear on your appeal letter. It should also be written on your envelope, or e-mail subject line.

FOIA appeals posted to the e-mail box or Office after normal business hours will be deemed received on the next business day. If the 90th calendar day for submitting an appeal falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal public holiday, an appeal received by 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, the next business day will be deemed timely. FOIA grants requesters the right to challenge an agency’s final action in federal court. Before doing so, an adjudication of an administrative appeal is ordinarily required.

The Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), an office created within the National Archives and Records Administration, offers free mediation services to FOIA requesters. They may be contacted in any of the following ways:

Office of Government Information Services  
National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road - Room 2510  
College Park, MD 20740-6001

Phone: 301-837-1996 / Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448 / Fax: 301-837-0348 /

Email: [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov)

If you have questions regarding this correspondence, please contact the NWS FOIA Liaison, Eugenio DaSilva, at [eugenio.dasilva@noaa.gov](mailto:eugenio.dasilva@noaa.gov), or the NOAA FOIA Public Liaison, Tony LaVoi, at (843) 834-3516.

Sincerely,

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