



U.S. Department of Justice

United States Marshals Service

Office of General Counsel

Washington, DC 20530-1000

November 15, 2012

Ms. Catherine Crump
American Civil Liberties Union Foundation
125 Broad Street, 17th Floor
New York, New York 10004

Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request No. 2013USMS22045

Dear Ms. Crump:

The United States Marshals Service (USMS) is responding to your request for records regarding Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) (created from January 1, 2006 to the present)

The USMS conducted a search of its files and located information responsive to your request. The responsive information is a document on **The Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Program**, consisting of one (1) page, and a document on the **USMS Technical Operations Group: Unmanned Aerial Vehicle, Man-Portable (UAV) Program**, consisting of 29 pages, for a total of 30 pages of documents responsive to your request. A determination has been made to grant you access to two (2) pages of documents, except for internal and confidential information referenced therein, which are exempt from disclosure pursuant to exemptions 4 and 7(E) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552(b). Enclosed is a copy of these two (2) pages of documents.

The remaining 28 pages are being withheld in their entirety for the reasons explained above, and also because they contain pre-decisional information; names and telephone numbers of government employees/law enforcement officers and third-party individuals; information on equipment and software; and other information exempt from disclosure pursuant to exemptions 4, 5, 7(C), and 7(E) of the FOIA.

Exemption 4 protects confidential information, the disclosure of which would impede the effectiveness of government interests and/or operations. Exemption 5 allows an agency to withhold predecisional information reflective of the deliberative process and contained in inter/intra-agency correspondence. Exemption 7 allows an agency to withhold records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, to the extent that disclosure could reasonably be expected to (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, and (E) disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, and thus, would significantly impede effective operation of law enforcement efforts.

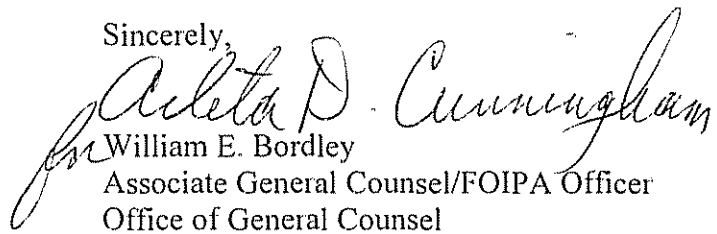
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If you are dissatisfied with the USMS action on this request, you may appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001. Your appeal must be received by OIP within 60 days of the date of this letter. Both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Appeal." In the event you are dissatisfied with the results of any such appeal, judicial review will thereafter be available to you in the United States District Court for the judicial district in which you reside or have your principal place of business, or in the District of Columbia.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010)). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

If you have any questions concerning the processing of the records, please contact Arleta D. Cunningham at (202) 307-9052 or the FOIA Service Center at (202) 307-9054.

Sincerely,


for William E. Bordley
Associate General Counsel/FOIPA Officer
Office of General Counsel

Enclosures

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USMS Technical Operations Group (TOG):

Unmanned Aerial Vehicle, Man-Portable (UAV) Program

Overview:

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USMS Technical Operations Group's UAV Program provides a highly portable, rapidly deployable overhead collection device that will provide a multi-role surveillance platform to assist in [REDACTED] detection of targets. There are four parts to the aerial vehicle: the airframe, which is the composite shell, the propulsion system, the navigation system (GPS-[REDACTED]) a mission computer, and video technology system.

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The Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Program [REDACTED]

This developmental program is designed to provide [REDACTED] in support of TOG investigations and operations. This surveillance solution can be deployed during [REDACTED] as well as in a [REDACTED] in an [REDACTED] to support ongoing tactical operations.

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