



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
UNITED STATES SOUTHERN COMMAND
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June 20, 2013

Office of the Staff Judge Advocate,
Office of Freedom of Information

Ref: SC 13-023

Ms. Lisette Garcia
Judicial Watch
425 Third St., SW
Suite 800
Washington, DC 20024

Dear Ms. Garcia:

This is our Agency's final response to your October 24, 2012, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. In your request you sought records concerning the Safety and Sanitation of Camp Justice at Joint Task Force Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (JTF-GTMO). Specifically, you sought information concerning (1) All communications (including emails, memoranda, or any other form of correspondence) respecting health safety or sanitation at Camp Justice; (2) All reports, assessments, evaluations, lab results, or any other documentation of health safety or sanitation planning or testing at Camp Justice; (3) All contracts, invoices, expense vouchers, or any other documentation of financial transactions in relation to or in support of health safety or sanitation at Camp Justice; (4) All commendations, comments or complaints - medical or otherwise, from any source - respecting health safety or sanitation at Camp Justice; and (5) All Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), policy statements, guidelines, directives, initiatives, or other standards or protocols regarding health safety or sanitation at Camp Justice. A copy of your request is attached for ease of reference.

The second search for information responsive to your request surfaced several responsive documents consisting of approximately 60 pages of information.

Our line-by-line review of the responsive documentation determines that portions of information are partially released pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(3), and (b)(6).

a. FOIA Exemption 3, 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(3), pertains to information exempted from release by statute, in this instance the pertinent statute is 10 U.S.C. § 130b which protects personnel assigned overseas, or assigned in sensitive or routinely deployable units.

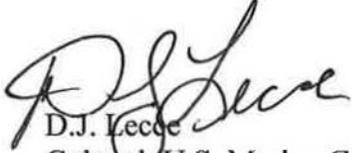
b. FOIA Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(6), permits withholding of personal information of individuals contained in personal, medical and other files that, if released, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Accordingly, the redacted information is withheld and its release is denied by Captain John A. Schommer, U.S. Navy, Chief of Staff, Joint Task Force Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Should you deem Captain Schommer's decision of withholding this information to be an adverse action, you may submit an administrative appeal to the Director of Administration and Management through the Defense Policy Office. Any such appeal should be postmarked within 60 calendar days of the date above to: Defense Freedom of Information Policy Office, Attn: Mr. James Hogan, 1155 Defense - Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1155. Both your letter and envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Also, a copy of this letter should be enclosed with your appeal. Please refer to the above case control number.

With this action, I am directing that this file be administratively closed. There are no assessable fees associated with this response. Address any further questions to the undersigned at Mr Marco Villalobos (305) 437-1108. Refer to the above case control number.

Sincerely,


D.J. Lecce
Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps
Staff Judge Advocate

Enclosures