



**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION POLICY OFFICE
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WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1155**

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Re: 12-L-0732

Paul J. Orfanedes/Chris Fedeli
Judicial Watch, Inc.
425 Third Street, SW
Suite 800
Washington, DC 20024

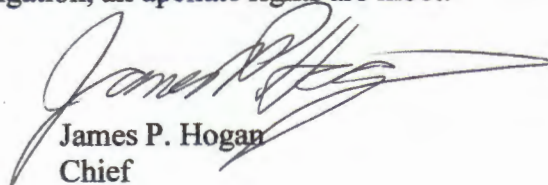
Re: *Judicial Watch, Inc. v. DoD, et al*, Case No. 1:12-cv-01182 (D.D.C.)

Dear Messer's Orfanedes and Fedeli,

Enclosed please find documents responsive to part 2 of your March 20, 2012, FOIA request. These records were located as a result of a search conducted by the Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMNAVAIRPAC).

The documents consist of 10 emails (31 pages) found in the course of the COMNAVAIRPAC search. Those emails have been reviewed and determined to be partially releasable. Certain information being withheld within the documents is currently and properly classified pursuant to Executive Order 13526, 1.4(a) concerning military plans, weapons systems, or operations; 1.4 (c) concerning intelligence activities (including covert action) and intelligence sources or methods; and 1.4(d) concerning foreign relations or foreign activities of the United States, including confidential sources. Information is also exempt by a statute establishing particular criteria for withholding; specifically 10 U.S.C. § 130(b), which permits the withholding of information about personnel in overseas or routinely deployable and sensitive units. In addition, some of the withheld information is exempt from release pursuant to the deliberative process privilege. Some information is withheld because its release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of individuals. Consequently, I must deny this information pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1), (b)(3), (b)(5), and (b)(6).

Additionally, the COMNAVAIRPAC has informed this office that after a careful search of their records, they have found no records responsive to part 1 of your request. In addition, the commanding officer of the USS VINSON at the time of the burial at sea confirmed that to his knowledge, no such records exist in the possession or control of the VINSON, COMNAV AIR, or the U.S. Navy. Since this request is in litigation, all appellate rights are moot.


James P. Hogan
Chief

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DOC # 1

(b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6) only photos were by (b)(1),(b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6) (S)
From: (b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6) (CSG-1 N2)
(b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, May 02, 2012 8:29 PM
To: (b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)
Subject: FW: Request for assistance - release of info (S)
As requested. vr (b)(6)

From: (b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, May 02, 2012 7:57 AM
To: (b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6) (CSG-1 N2)
Subject: RE: Request for assistance - release of info (S)

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No problem, (b)(6) I'll call (b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6) we'll work this. Back to you soonest.
V/R, (b)(6)

(b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)

(b)(6)

From: (b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6) (CSG-1 N2) (b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, May 02, 2012 9:53 AM
To: (b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6) CUSNC Bahrain
Subject: Request for assistance - release of info

Sir,

(b)(1),(b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(5),(b)(6)

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(b)(1),(b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(5),(b)(6)



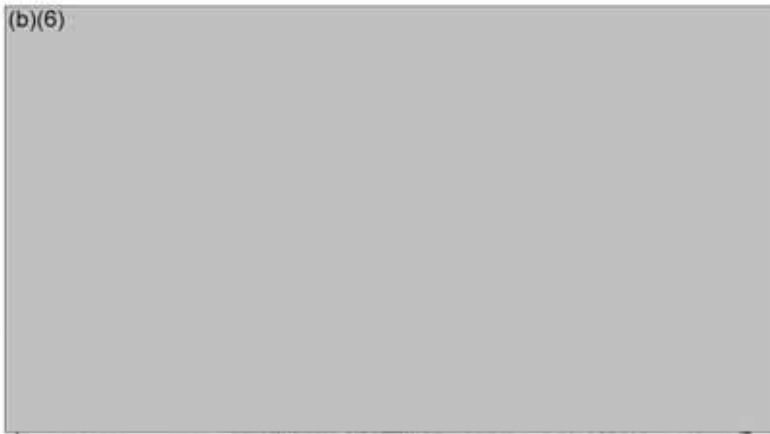
Thoughts?

Thanks.

Vr (b)(6)



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(b)(1) [redacted] CDR DerrickFrost 2 May 11 (2)
 From: DerrickFrost, Amy E CDR USN CUSNC Bahrain
 Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 8:21 AM
 To: (b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)
 Cc: Reynolds, Erik J LCDR (CVN70); (b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)
 Subject: RE: (b)(1) [redacted]

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Sir,

(b)(1) [redacted]

Vr,

Amy

(b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)
 From: [redacted]
 Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 5:56 PM
 To: DerrickFrost, Amy E CDR USN CUSNC Bahrain
 Cc: Reynolds, Erik J LCDR (CVN70); (b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)
 Subject: Fw: (b)(1) [redacted]

Amy,

All info passed to C5F DCOM Nothing will be passed through the PAO channels.

VR/

(b)(6) [redacted]

(b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6) [redacted]

(b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)
 From: [redacted]
 Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 2:15 PM
 To: Reynolds, Erik J LCDR (CVN70)
 Cc: (b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)
 Subject: RE: (b)(1) [redacted]

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(b)(1)

CDR DerrickFrost 2 May 11 (2)

PAO,

Do NOT respond.

Chief of Staff and the Admiral will respond if any response is required.

Thanks

R/

CO

From: Reynolds, Erik J. LCDR (CVN70)

Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 1:07 PM

To: (b)(3); 10 USC 130 (b); (b)(6)

Subject: Fw (b)(1)

Sir,

Request for information from C5F (which I do not have).

Very respectfully,

Erik Reynolds

LCDR USN

Public Affairs Officer

USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70)

CARRIER STRIKE GROUP ONE

FPO AP 96629-2840

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(b)(6)

(b)(1)

From: Amy.DerrickFrost@
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 12:44 PM
To: Reynolds, Erik J. LCDR (CVN70)
Subject: (b)(1)

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Erik,

(b)(1),(b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)

Thanks.

Vr,

Amy

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Burial Fedex Delivered the Pkg Perez to Gaouette 2 May 11 U)
From: Perez, Samuel RDML (CSG-1 N00) (b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 2:02 AM
To: Gaouette, Charles M RDML USN CUSNC Bahrain;
mark.fo: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: FEDEX

Sir,

FEDEX delivered the package. Both trucks are safely enroute home base.

Very respectfully,

Sam

Samuel Perez
Commander Carrier Strike Group ONE
(b)(6)

From: Charles.Gaouette (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 8:16 AM
To: Perez, Samuel RDML (CSG-1 N00)
Subject: FEDEX

Sam,

Any news on the package for us?

V/R

RDML Charles M. Gaouette, USN

Deputy Commander USNAVCENT / FIFTHFLT

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Burial Fedex Delivered the Pkg Perez to Gaouette 2 May 11 U)

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(b)(1),(b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)

From: (b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)

Sent: Sunday, May 01, 2011 5:58 AM

To: Perez, Samuel RDML (CSG-1 N00)

Cc: (b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)

Subject: RE: FEDEX DELIVERY

CLASSIFICATION: ~~SECRET~~

CAVEATS: NONE

TERMS: NONE

Sir

(b)(1),(b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)

[REDACTED]

From: Perez, Samuel RDML (CSG-1 N00)

Sent: Sunday, May 01, 2011 06:37

To: (b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)

Subject: FEDEX DELIVERY

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(b)(3):10
USC 130 (b),
(b)(6)

Here's what we have laid on for you so far:

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(b)(1),(b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)

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(b)(1)

v/r,

Sam

Samuel Perez
Commander Carrier Strike Group ONE

(b)(6)

(b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)

From:

Sent: Sunday, May 01, 2011 1:34 AM

To: (b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6) Perez, Samuel RDML (CSG-1 N00); (b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)
(CSG-1 N3); (b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)

Cc: (b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)

(b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)

Subject: RE: Deck Time Update

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(b)(1),(b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)

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CAVEATS: NONE

TERMS: NONE

Sir - (b)(1)

(b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)

From: (b)(3):10 USC 130 (b)

Sent: Saturday, April 30, 2011 23:51

To: 'Perez, Samuel RDM (CSG-1 N00)'; (b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)

CC: (b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)

Subject: Deck Time Update

CLASSIFICATION: ~~SECRET~~

CAVEATS: NONE

TERMS: NONE

Sir

(b)(1),(b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)

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(b)(1),(b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6) ~~(S)~~

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(b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)

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Burial (b)(1)
From: (b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)
Sent: Sunday, May 01, 2011 6:49 AM
To: Perez, Samuel RDML (CSG-1 N00)
Subject: RE: Deck Time Update

CLASSIFICATION: ~~SECRET~~
CAVEATS: NONE
TERMS: NONE

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(b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)

From: Perez, Samuel RDML (CSG-1 N00)
Sent: Sunday, May 01, 2011 02:43
To: (b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)
Subject: RE: Deck Time Update

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(b)(1),(b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)

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Burial
Sam

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Samuel Perez

Commander Carrier Strike Group ONE

(b)(6)

From: (b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)

Sent: Saturday, April 30, 2011 11:51 PM

To: Perez, Samuel RDML (CSG-1 N00); (b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)

(b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)

Cc: (b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)

Subject: Deck Time Update

CLASSIFICATION: ~~SECRET~~

CAVEATS: NONE

TERMS: NONE

Sir

(b)(1),(b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)

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Burial

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CAVEATS: NONE

TERMS: NONE

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Burial (b)(1),(b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6) (2)
From: Perez, Samuel RDML (CSG-1 N00) samuel.perez@navy.mil (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, April 29, 2011, 4:58 AM
To: (b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)
Subject: RE: Daily Update (27 Apr 2011)

(b)(3):10 USC 130
(b)(b)(6)

Do I need any special religious/ceremonial preparations?

V/r,

Sam

Samuel Perez
Commander Carrier Strike Group ONE

(b)(6)

From: (b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)
Sent: Friday, April 29, 2011 11:55 AM
To: Perez, Samuel RDML (CSG-1 N00)
Subject: RE: Daily Update (27 Apr 2011)

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CAVEATS: NONE
TERMS: NONE

Thank you sir.

(b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)

From: Perez, Samuel RDML (CSG-1 N00)

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Burial (b)(1),(b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6) / (2)
Sent: Friday, April 29, 2011 05:15
To: (b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)
Subject: RE: Daily Update (27 Apr 2011)

(b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)

Got a call from my Boss a few minutes ago! Thanks for getting me in the clear with my Chain of Command.

My staff reports that everything is tracking smoothly on our end. we'll be ready for you when you show up.

V/r,

Sam

Samuel Perez
Commander Carrier Strike Group ONE

(b)(6)

From: (b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)
Sent: Friday, April 29, 2011 2:58 AM
To: Kurt.Tidd (b)(6)
Cc: Robert.Neller@ (b)(6) mcravenb (b)(6) Perez,
Samuel RDML (CSG-1 N00); (b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)
Subject: RE: Daily Update (27 Apr 2011)

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CAVEATS: NONE
TERMS: NONE

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(b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)

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Burial (b)(1),(b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)

(S) (2)

(b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)

From: Tidd, Kurt W RADM JCS VDJ-3 (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2011 09:57
To: (b)(3):10 USC 130 (b), amuel.perez (b)(6)
Cc: Neller, Robert B LtGen JCS J3; Thomas, Raymond A BG; McRaven, Bill H VADM
Subject: RE: Daily Update (27 Apr 2011)

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(b)(1),(b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)

RADM Kurt W. Tidd, USN
Vice Director for Operations, J3

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Burial (b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6) (S) (2)
The Joint Staff
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TERMS: NONE

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From: [REDACTED] (b)(1),(b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6) (S)
Sent: Friday, April 29, 2011 5:09 AM
To: Perez, Samuel RDML (CSG-1 N00)
Subject: RE: Daily Update (27 Apr 2011)

CLASSIFICATION: ~~SECRET~~
CAVEATS: NONE
TERMS: NONE

Sir

(b)(1),(b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)

From: Perez, Samuel RDML (CSG-1 N00) (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, April 29, 2011 11:58
To: [REDACTED] (b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)
Subject: RE: Daily Update (27 Apr 2011)

(b)(3):10 USC
130 (b),(b)(6)

Do I need any special religious/ceremonial preparations?

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Burial (b)(1),(b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)

V/r,

Sam

Samuel Perez
Commander Carrier Strike Group ONE

(b)(6)

From: (b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)
Sent: Friday, April 29, 2011 11:55 AM
To: Perez, Samuel RDML (CSG-1 N00)
Subject: RE: Daily Update (27 Apr 2011)

CLASSIFICATION: ~~SECRET~~
CAVEATS: NONE
TERMS: NONE

Thank you Sir.

(b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)

From: Perez, Samuel RDML (CSG-1 N00) (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, April 29, 2011 05:15
To: (b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)
Subject: RE: Daily Update (27 Apr 2011)

(b)(3):10 USC
130 (b),(b)(6)

Got a call from my Boss a few minutes ago! Thanks for getting me in the clear with my Chain of Command.

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(b)(1),(b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)
Burial

My staff reports that everything is tracking smoothly on our end. We'll be ready for you when you show up.

v/r,

Sam

Samuel Perez
Commander Carrier Strike Group ONE

(b)(6)

From: (b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)
Sent: Friday, April 29, 2011 2:58 AM
To: Kurt.Tidd;(b)(6)
Cc: Robert.Neller@;(b)(6); mcravenb@;(b)(6) Perez,
Samuel RDML (CSG-1 N00); (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Daily Update (27 Apr 2011)

CLASSIFICATION: ~~SECRET~~
CAVEATS: NONE
TERMS: NONE

(b)(1),(b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6)

From: Tidd, Kurt W RADM JCS VDJ-3 (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2011 09:57

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Burja (b)(1),(b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6) (S)
To: (b)(3):10 USC 130 (b); samuel.perez@ (b)(6)
Cc: Neller, Robert B LtGen JCS J3; Thomas, Raymond A BG; McRaven, Bill H VADM
Subject: RE: Daily Update (27 Apr 2011)

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RADM Kurt W. Tidd, USN
Vice Director for Operations, J3
The Joint Staff

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Burial (b)(1),(b)(3):10 USC 130 (b),(b)(6) ~~(S)~~

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CAVEATS: NONE
TERMS: NONE

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Burial (b)(1)
From: mark.fox (b)(6)
Sent: Saturday, April 30, 2011 9:14 PM
To: Perez, Samuel RDML (CSG-1 N00)
Subject: RE: Package Delivery (C//NF)
Classification: ~~CONFIDENTIAL//NOFORN~~

Thanks, Sam -

VR,

From: Perez, Samuel RDML (CSG-1 N00) (b)(6)
Sent: Sunday, May 01, 2011 5:46 AM
To: Fox, Mark I VADM USN CUSNC Bahrain
Subject: Package Delivery

Sir,

(b)(1)

Very respectfully,

Sam

Samuel Perez
Commander Carrier Strike Group ONE

(b)(6)

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

From: mark.fox (b)(6)
 Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 11:36
 To: Gaouette, Charles M RDML USN CUSNC Bahrain; Perez, Samuel RDML (CSG-1 N00)
 Subject: RE: Burial at Sea Timeline (~~S//NF~~) (~~S//NF~~)

Very well done, gents.
 VR, MRT

From: Gaouette, Charles M RDML USN CUSNC Bahrain
 Sent: Mon 5/2/2011 2:03 PM
 To: Samuel.Perez
 Cc: Fox, Mark I VADM USN CUSNC Bahrain
 Subject: FW: Burial at Sea Timeline (~~S//NF~~) (~~S//NF~~)

Sam, please protect.

Thank you and your magnificent Strike Group for what you did for your country today. V/R Chuck

V/R

RDML Charles M. Gaouette, USN

Deputy Commander USNAVCENT / FIFTHFLT

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SIPR: (b)(6)
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From: Mattis, James N Gen MIL USMC USCENTCOM CCCC-CCCC
(b)(6)
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 5:00 PM
To: Gaouette, Charles M RDML USN CUSNC Bahrain;
michael.mullin (b)(6)
Cc: Allen, John R LtGen MTL USMC USCENTCOM CCDC-DCDR; Fox, Mark I VADM USN CUSNC
Bahrain; Kevin Donegan; robert.neller (b)(6)
Kurt Tidd; Sweeney, Kevin M RDML (S) MIL USN USCENTCOM CCCC-CCCC;
(b)(6)
Subject: RE: Burial at Sea Timeline (~~S//NF~~) (~~S//NF~~)

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Thanks, Chuck. More to follow if they're missing something they need.
Appreciate the fast response. M

From: Charles.Gaouette@me.navy.smil.mil
(b)(6)
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 9:56 AM
To: michael.mullin (b)(6)
Cc: Mattis, James N Gen MIL USMC USCENTCOM CCCC-CCCC; Allen, John R LtGen MIL
USMC USCENTCOM CCDC-DCDR; Fox, Mark I. VADM USN CUSNC/C5F/CMF; Donegan, Kevin M
RADM MIL USN USCENTCOM CCJ3-A; robert.neller (b)(6) Tidd, Kurt W
RADM JCS VDJ-3; Sweeney, Kevin M RDML (S) MIL USN USCENTCOM CCCC-CCCC;
(b)(6)
Subject: Burial at Sea Timeline (~~S//NF~~)

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Chairman Mullen,

Passing this to you at the request of General Mattis.

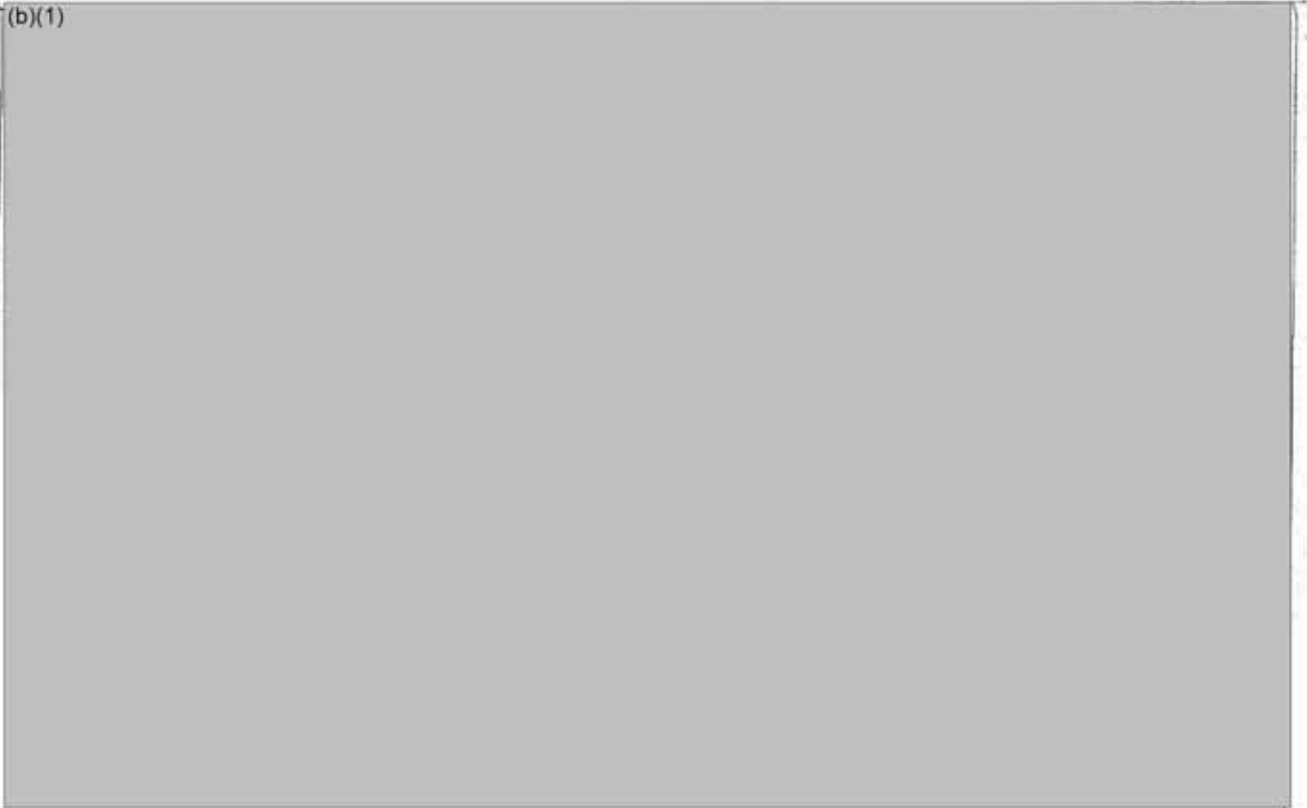
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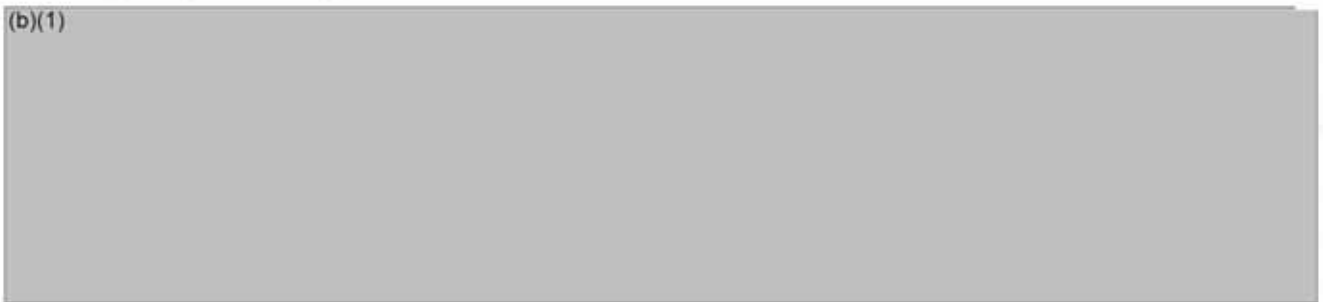
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Traditional procedures for Islamic burial was followed. The deceased's body was washed (ablution) then placed in a white sheet. The body was placed in a weighted bag. A military officer read prepared religious remarks, which were translated into Arabic by a native speaker. After the words were complete, the body was placed on a prepared flat board, tipped up, whereupon the deceased's body slid into the sea.

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The paucity of documentary evidence in our possession is a reflection of the emphasis placed upon operational security during the execution of this phase of the operation.

V/R

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Chuck

RDML Charles M. Gaouette, USN

Deputy Commander USNAVCENT / FIFTHFLT

COM: (b)(6)
DSN:
VOSIP:
MOB:
RES:

NTDR:
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SIPR: (b)(6)
(b)(6)

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Burial No Sailors Watched 4 May 11 (U)
From: DerrickFrost, Amy E CDR USN CUSNC Bahrain
Sent: Wednesday, May 04, 2011 8:08 AM
To: Reynolds, Erik J. LCDR (CVN70)
Cc: Martin, Frederick M LT USN CUSNC Bahrain
Subject: RE: OSD Question REF OBL ~~(FOUO)~~

Classification: ~~FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY~~

Erik,

Would like you to write up a brief statement about VIN involvement. Not a lot of specifics, but general terms of what VIN role was as if it is a statement coming from the CO.

I have talked with TF about this and they agree that having something in the can for later is prudent. It will of course be blessed by them and others. My concern is when you all get back to SD and get bombarded by media, you won't have something already approved and ready.

Thanks.

Vr,

CDR DF

From: Reynolds, Erik J. LCDR (CVN70)
Sent: Tuesday, May 03, 2011 5:59 PM
To: DerrickFrost, Amy E CDR USN CUSNC Bahrain
Cc: Martin, Frederick M LT USN CUSNC Bahrain
Subject: RE: OSD Question REF OBL ~~(FOUO)~~

(b)(6)

No.

Very respectfully,

Erik Reynolds

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Burial No Sailors Watched 4 May 11 (U)

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Sent: Tuesday, May 03, 2011 2:03 PM
To: Reynolds, Erik J. LCDR (CVN70)
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Subject: RE: OSD Question REF OBL (FOUO)

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Any sailors watch the burial?

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CDR,

Only a small group of the leadership was informed - less than a dozen total.

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Erik,

CETNCOM and OSD are asking if sailors knew what was occurring or who the burial was for. Any insights? I know the few that knew anything were mainly in your leadership and of course you, but deck plates?

Not looking for an actual number, but a more qualitative response.

Thanks.

Vr,

CDR DF