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Ms. Ashley Wilmes  
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Dear Ms. Wilmes:

Freedom of  
Information

This is a partial response to your February 11, 2011, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request (copy enclosed), which was received in this office on February 14, 2011, and assigned case number FOIA 11-261. We apologize for the delay of our response.

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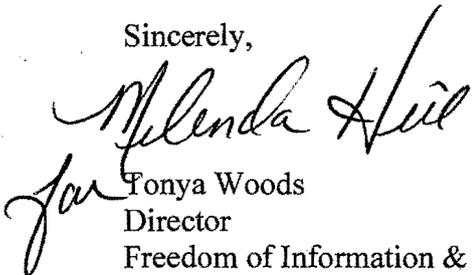
Agency employees conducted a thorough search of their files and located on the enclosed CD-ROM are 300 documents that are responsive to your request. However, information has been withheld under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5) which permits the withholding of inter-and intra-agency records which are pre-decisional, deliberative which may contain agency employee's advice, opinions and recommendations. Disclosure of such material would inhibit the open and candid expression of such views in similar future deliberations and have a detrimental effort on our decision-making process.

In addition, we have withheld information pursuant to Exemption (b)(6) permit withholding of information which if released would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Specifically, we withheld the identity of the pilots.

Also contained on the CD-ROM is rp505enu.exe, which is a free copy of Adobe® Acrobat® Reader™ needed to view the responsive records. By opening rp505enu.exe and following the on-screen instructions, you will install Adobe Reader. After the installation, Adobe Reader should render the PDF files correctly.

My final response will provide you with your right to appeal, as well as enclose an invoice noting any charges due, if applicable. If you have any questions regarding the continued processing of your request, please feel free to Ms. Tamara M. Wade of my staff at (301) 734-5268.

Sincerely,



Tonya Woods  
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