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Washington, D.C. 20530

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Charlie Hogle  
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**Re: FOIA Tracking No. FY25-023**

Dear Mr. Hogle:

This letter responds to your October 25, 2024 Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request to the Office of Legal Counsel ("OLC") on behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union and American Civil Liberties Union Foundation (together, the "ACLU"), seeking 20 OLC "final opinions, letters, memoranda, and manuals . . . relating to the President's authority to deploy military and national guard troops within the United States, and the activities in which those personnel may or may not engage." As you know, your request was assigned tracking number **FY25-023**. Pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 16.5(b), your request was processed in the "simple" processing track.

We have completed our search and identified 18 responsive records. We did not identify any records responsive to entry #18 in your request. We have determined that entry #19 in your request seeks a record originating in the Office of the Deputy Attorney General. Pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 16.4(c) and *FOIA Post, OIP Guidance: New Requirement to Route Misdirected FOIA Requests*, <http://www.justice.gov/oip/foiapost/2008foiapost31.htm> (updated July 28, 2021), we have re-routed that part of your request to the Office of Information Policy ("OIP") for searching and direct response to you. Of the 18 records located, we have enclosed 16 records here in full. We have referred the remaining two records to OIP for processing and direct response to you. With respect to both the re-routed entry and the referred records, OIP may be reached as follows: Douglas Hibbard, Chief, Initial Request Staff, Office of Information Policy, Department of Justice, 6th Floor, 441 G St. N.W., Washington, DC 20530; and Phone: (202) 514-FOIA.

For any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request, you may contact Melissa Golden, OLC's FOIA Public Liaison, at [usdoj-officeoflegalcounsel@usdoj.gov](mailto:usdoj-officeoflegalcounsel@usdoj.gov), (202) 514-2053, or at Office of Legal Counsel, United States Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Room 5517, Washington, DC 20530.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services ("OGIS") at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi

Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

You have the right to an administrative appeal. You may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (“OIP”), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP’s FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP’s website: <https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked “Freedom of Information Act Appeal.”

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jared Kaprove". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jared" being more prominent than the last name "Kaprove".

Jared Kaprove  
FOIA and Records Management Attorney

Enclosures