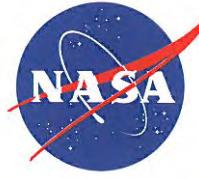


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FOIA: 16-HQ-F-00248

Dear Mr. Maass:

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated and received in our office on February 1, 2016 at the NASA Headquarters FOIA Office. Your FOIA request was assigned Case File Number 16-HQ-F-00248 and was for:

Section 6 of the Reducing Over---Classification Act, P. L. 111---258 states:

(a) INCENTIVES FOR ACCURATE CLASSIFICATIONS.—In making cash awards under Chapter 45 of title 5, United States Code, the President or the head of an Executive Agency with an officer or employee who is authorized to make original classification Decisions or derivative classification decisions may consider such officer's or employee's consistent and proper classification of information.

In connection with this provision, we request:

1. All agency records containing criteria Or metrics for receiving a cash incentive under Section 6 of the Reducing Over—Classification Act from the period Oct. 7, 2010 through February 1, 2016, including Definitions or explanations or suggested definitions or explanations of the criteria Or metrics for assessing “consistent and proper classification of information,” regardless of whether used or proposed by your agency.
2. Documents that show the number of cash incentives awarded, the amount and date for each cash incentive, and the total amount allocated for cash awards

related to Section 6 of the Reducing Over---Classification Act for the period Oct. 7, 2010 through February 1, 2016.

3. All documents describing the justification for each cash incentive Awarded under The Reducing Over---Classification Act for the period Oct. 7, 2010 through February 1, 2016.
4. All documents used to promote the Reducing Over---Classification Act cash incentive Program to employees for the period Oct. 7, 2010 through February 1, 2016.
5. All reports outlining, evaluating, or otherwise documenting the efficacy of cash Incentive programs under Section 6 of the Reducing Over---Classification Act for the Period Oct. 7, 2010 through February 1, 2016.

In accordance with NASA's FOIA regulations 14 CFR §1206.307, a diligent search was conducted for the records you requested, and no responsive records were located.

You have the right under 14 CFR §1206.700 to appeal this denial within 30 days from the date of this letter. Your appeal must be in writing and should be addressed to:

Administrator  
NASA Headquarters  
Executive Secretariat  
MS 9R17  
Washington, DC 20546  
ATTN: FOIA Appeals

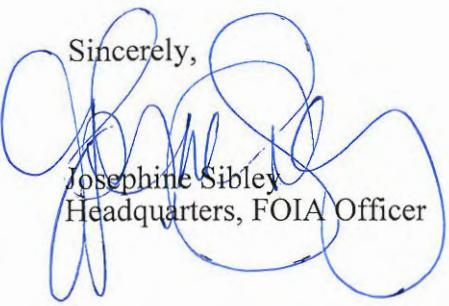
The appeal should be marked "Appeal under the Freedom of Information Act" both on the envelope and the face of the letter. A copy of your initial request must be enclosed along with a copy of the adverse determination and any other correspondence with the FOIA office. In order to expedite the appellate process and ensure full consideration of your appeal, your appeal should contain a brief statement of the reasons you believe this initial decision to be in error.

Fees for processing this request are less than \$50.00 and are not being charged in accordance with 14 CFR §1206.503(c). Therefore, your request for a fee waiver and the news media category is moot for the processing of this request. Please be advised, for your convenience we are providing you with a web link that may be of interest to you:

<https://oig.nasa.gov/audits/reports/FY13/IG-13-023.pdf>

Please feel free to contact me at [hq-foia@nasa.gov](mailto:hq-foia@nasa.gov) or 202-358-2462, for further assistance.

Sincerely,



Josephine Sibley  
Headquarters, FOIA Officer