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February 22, 2016

Mr. Dave Maass  
815 Eddy Street  
San Francisco, CA 94109

Dear Mr. Maass:

SUBJECT: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT CASE DON-NAVY-2016-003278

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated February 05, 2016. Your FOIA request was received in our office on February 11, 2016.

We are unable to process your inquiry as a FOIA request. The FOIA is a document retrieval statute. Under 32 CFR §701.8, government agencies are not required to answer a requester's questions or to compile a record.

In accordance with 32 CFR §701.8, a FOIA requester is required to describe the information he seeks so that a knowledgeable official can locate the record with a reasonable amount of effort.

Descriptive information about a record may be divided into two broad categories:

(i) Category I is file-related and includes information such as type of record, title, index citation, subject area, date the record was created, or its originator.

(ii) Category II is event-related and includes the circumstances that resulted in the record being created or the date and circumstances surrounding the event the record covers.

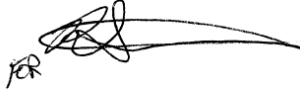
Generally, a record is not reasonably described unless the description contains sufficient Category I information to permit the conduct of an organized, non-random search based on the existing filing arrangements and retrieval systems, or unless the record contains sufficient Category II information to permit inference of the Category I elements needed to conduct such a search.

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In light of the above, we are closing our file on this request. You may file another request for the same information. If you choose to do so, please provide specific information regarding the documents you would like us to search for.

If you have any questions, please contact our FOIA service center at (202) 685-0417.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. Patterson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

R. Patterson  
Head, DON FOIA/PA Program Office