From: DISA Ft Meade EII Mailbox CIO FOIA <disa.meade.eii.mbx.cio-foia@mail.mil>
To: John Avila <[redacted]>
Subject: RE: FOIA Request - DISA Enterprise Email message-tracking records
Date: October 27, 2026

Dear Mr. Avila:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request by our office. Your request has been assigned tracking number FY-27-0012. Please reference this tracking number in any future correspondence regarding this matter.

Our office understands you are seeking records pertaining to the transmission and handling of an email sent on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 5:41:46 PM Eastern (22:41:46 UTC) from [redacted] to USASOC.FOIA@socom.mil with the subject line "Re: (U) Freedom of Information Act Request Case #26-052 Avila" and attachment "2017-11-27_RFI_Update_AVILA_Attachment.pdf", specifically:

1. Records showing receipt of the message by enterprise email security gateways from the originating mail servers.
2. Records showing delivery or attempted delivery to the recipient mailbox USASOC.FOIA@socom.mil.
3. Records of any quarantine, security filtering, policy hold, or disposition applied to the message by enterprise email systems.
4. Records of any non-delivery notification (NDN) or bounce report generated for the transmission.

Your request is currently being reviewed, and our office is coordinating with technical administrators to perform searches across enterprise messaging gateway logs.

Please be advised that because your request concerns communications directed to the United States Army Special Operations Command (USASOC) / U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM), responsive records identified through this search may contain equities originating outside our component. In accordance with Department of Defense FOIA procedural guidance (DoD Manual 5400.07 / 32 CFR Part 286):

- If our office locates responsive records that originated with or contain substantial equities of USASOC or USSOCOM, those records may be formally referred to USASOC/USSOCOM for direct response to you, or our office will conduct inter-agency consultations prior to issuing a

final determination.
- You will be notified in writing if a formal referral of records takes place, including the contact details for the receiving FOIA office.

Your request has been placed in our processing queue. We process requests on a multi-track, first-in, first-out basis depending on complexity and search requirements. If unusual circumstances arise or extensive coordination is required, we will inform you of any adjustments to the estimated processing timeline.

Should you have questions concerning the status of your request, reach out to our FOIA public Liaison Office at disa.meade.eii.mbx.cio-foia-public-liaison@mail.mil

Sincerely,

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