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October 21, 2026

Freedom of Information Act
Office

Mr. John G. Avila
Email: [redacted]

Dear Mr. Avila:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your Privacy Act/Freedom of Information Act (PA/FOIA) request, dated and received October 16, 2026, the U.S. Army Special Operations Command (USASOC). You request copies of existing records documenting the receipt, assignment, search, review, routing, and disposition of USASOC FOIA Case #26-052. Specifically, you requested the following records.

Intake and tracking records: Case-management entries, activity histories, assignment records, case notes, status changes, and closure or reopening entries associated with Case #26-052 and your March 11 submission.

Search instructions and results: Search taskings, instructions to record custodians, search worksheets, certifications, responses from tasked offices, and records documenting the repositories, custodians, search terms, and date ranges used. This includes records showing whether searches used 2015, July 25, 2017, or another date range.

Handling of the March correction: Records documenting receipt, routing, review, acknowledgment, or disposition of my March 11 email and its attachment, including any determination to treat that submission as an amendment, new request, appeal, reconsideration request, or correspondence on a closed case.

Processing communications: Internal and interoffice emails, memoranda, and other written communications concerning the scope, search, referral, processing status, or disposition of Case #26-052 or the March correction. Please include communications with Army headquarters, USSOCOM, 7th Special Forces Group, legal offices, records-management personnel, and any other office actually consulted.

Basis for the February determination: Existing records documenting the searches and custodial responses underlying the February 23, 2026, no-record determination, together with records of its review and approval.

Transfer or disposition documentation: Any records consulted or generated in processing this case that identify transfer, retirement, loss, deletion, destruction, or another disposition of potentially responsive investigative records, including any retention or disposition authority relied upon.

This request seeks existing records, including attachments, rather than newly created explanations. Exact duplicate copies may be omitted, but please retain distinct messages, annotations, attachments, and case-history entries.

This request will be processed under FOIA case number, U.S. Army Special Operations Command FOIA **Case #27-042.** Your request will be processed in accordance with the procedural requirements of Army Regulation 25-55, Department of the Army Freedom of Information Act Program. Based on general fairness to the public, the FOIA establishes a queuing concept, first in, first out, on an easy-hard basis, and controlled in response queues. It is likely that processing your request may exceed the statutory 20-working-days requirement. The current estimated date of completion is January 15, 2027.

If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact me at (910) 432-9233 or stephanie.l.osborne.civ@socom.mil.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Osborne

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Acting Freedom of Information Act/
Privacy Act Officer