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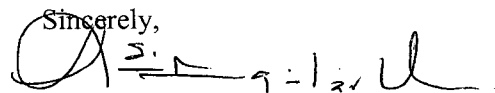
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Ms. Melanie Sloan
Citizens for Responsibility and
Ethics in Washington
1400 Eye Street NW, Suite 450
Washington, DC. 20005

Dear Ms. Sloan,

1. We have received a FOIA referral from the United States Department of State (their case no. 200503991). This is a request you submitted on September 7, 2005, relating to the Department of State's response to hurricane Katrina. The United States Department of State referred 4 pages of the document B161.
2. Portions of the requested records are exempt from mandatory disclosure under FOIA exemption (b) (6) and are being withheld because the disclosure of the information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The authority for this exemption may be found in the United States Code, Title 5, Section 552 (b)(6). Exempted portions have been marked accordingly with applicable exemption(s).
3. This response may be considered to be adverse in nature, and if so interpreted, you may appeal this response. Should you decide that an appeal from this decision is necessary, please write to the Office of Freedom of Information at the address below no later than 60 calendar days after the date of this letter. Please include in the appeal your reasons for requesting reconsideration and a copy of this letter. There are no chargeable fees associated with processing your request.

Office of Freedom of Information
1155 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC. 20301-1155

Sincerely,


Luis E. Aguilar
Command FOIA Manager

Cc:
United States Department of State

Attachments:
Copies of documents B161

[REDACTED] (B6)
From: (B6) [REDACTED] B(S/ES-O)
Sent: Monday, October 31, 2005 2:52 PM
To: (B6) [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: German MREs

B161

Alain,

Here's what I sent in reply to [REDACTED] at NORTHCOM for your info. (B6)

V/R, [REDACTED] (B6)

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] (B6)
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2005 5:21 PM
To: [REDACTED] USN NORAD USNORTHCOM POLAD' (B6)
Cc: [REDACTED]-MC NORAD USNORTHCOM POLAD; [REDACTED] (B6)
Subject: RE: German MREs

Sir,

These are the German MREs that were brought in without prior State Department coordination to Pensacola NAS. DoS had no idea they were inbound until we were asked for an over flight and landing diplomatic clearance AFTER the German aircraft was airborne and inbound.

I don't think that FEMA (DHS) can legally pay for storage of something they didn't authorize, and no one really authorized these MREs. They "showed up." We believe this to have been originally planned and coordinated by the German training unit and P'Cola NAS officials; State sees the German and US military (both at Pensacola) as being responsible for disposition of these MREs. Unfortunately, since P'Cola is in NORTHCOM's AOR, I'd think that would fall, indirectly, to NORTHCOM.

Having said that, obviously there are political and diplomatic implications which I think we'd all like to minimize. State is a willing partner to help facilitate diplomatically in any way we can.

V/R, [REDACTED] (B6)

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] USN NORAD USNORTHCOM POLAD (B6)
[mailto:[REDACTED]] (B6)
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2005 2:41 PM
To: [REDACTED] (B6)
Cc: [REDACTED]-MC NORAD USNORTHCOM POLAD
Subject: German MREs

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

[REDACTED] (B6)
Our JIACG sent this message. [REDACTED] states that DoS is responsible for (B6) contracting for their movement or destruction. Do you agree with that statement? If not, who does State see as responsible for the German MREs?

[REDACTED] (B6)
[REDACTED] USN (B6)
Deputy Political Advisor to
Commander, NORAD-US Northern Command
Comm: [REDACTED] (B6)
DSN: [REDACTED] (B6)

Fax: [redacted] (B6)
[redacted] (B6)

-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted] USA NORAD USNORTHCOM IC (B6)
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2005 11:52 AM
To: [redacted] - NGB-J3/DO' (B6)
Cc: [redacted] SES-05 USAF NORAD USNORTHCOM IC; [redacted] USN NORAD (B6)
USNORTHCOM J4; [redacted] USN NORAD USNORTHCOM POLAD (B6)
Subject: RE: RE: Commo check

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

[redacted] just to reiterate for the folks cc'd above. (B6)

Understand the MS ARNG has a flat-bed load of German MREs and needs distribution instructions immediately. They have not received any guidance thus far; TF is ready to move on and must dispose/move/store immediately.

Bottom line is that we need to get these off ARNG hands and stored somewhere until DOS contracts for their move or their destruction. They secured these MREs on our (NC) order and we owe them relief...We don't want to see the MS ARNG on CNN answering questions.

Suggestion: Store in DoD facility pending DOS action. Keesler AFB is adjacent to this site; suggest [redacted] contact the Mission Support Group at Keesler and secure temporary storage pending DOS instructions. He may need 'assistance' at Keesler to convince them to offer their help. (B6)

[redacted] (B6)

-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]] (B6)
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2005 11:19 AM
To: [redacted] USA NORAD USNORTHCOM IC (B6)
Subject: RE: RE: Commo check

You can call me at [redacted] or commercial [redacted] (B6)

Thanks,

[redacted] (B6)

-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted] USA NORAD USNORTHCOM IC (B6)
[mailto:[redacted]] (B6)
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2005 12:15 PM
To: [redacted] (B6) (B6)
Cc: [redacted] (B6)
Subject: RE: RE: Commo check

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[redacted] - do you have an phone number...would like to talk about German MREs. (B6)

-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]] (B6)
Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2005 4:24 PM
To: [redacted] USA NORAD USNORTHCOM IC (B6)
Cc: [redacted] (B6) (B6)
[redacted] OTSG; [redacted] (B6) (B6)
Subject: Re: RE: Commo check

[redacted] (B6)

Please contact [redacted] re: German rations, they require immediate disposition (B6)

instructions.

They are still not to be issued and they understand this but they need to move them on.

Thanks

(B6)
[REDACTED]
COL, VC
Chief, Toxicology Division
USAMRIID
Ft. Detrick MD

DSN: [REDACTED] (B6)
CIV: [REDACTED] (B6)
FAX: [REDACTED] (B6)
Email: [REDACTED] (B6)

----- Original Message -----

From: [REDACTED] USA NORAD USNORTHCOM IC [REDACTED] (B6)
Date: Thursday, October 13, 2005 5:06 pm
Subject: RE: Commo check

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> [REDACTED] - no worries on the UK/NATO MREs that are headed to Little Rock. OFDA is expecting them and will deal with them. (B6)

> The Germany MREs are another issue. The OFDA Little Rock folks WILL NOT accept them; they should not move to LR. I suggest that we tell the 114th that they should turn the Germany MREs over to their State USDA - the folks that have ordered them 'quarantined' in the first place. I will speak with the 114th (a [REDACTED]... [REDACTED] seems to (B6)

> have
> departed) and tell him that.

> -----Original Message-----

> From: [REDACTED] (B6)
> Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2005 2:52 PM
> To: [REDACTED] USA NORAD USNORTHCOM IC
> Subject: Re: Commo check

> Roger, read you Lima Charlie.

> [REDACTED] (B6)
> COL, VC
> Joint Task Force Katrina Veterinarian
> Fort Gillem, GA
> CIV: [REDACTED] (B6)
> Email: [REDACTED] (B6)

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: [REDACTED] USA NORAD USNORTHCOM IC (B6)
> [REDACTED] (B6)
> Date: Wednesday, October 12, 2005 4:46 pm
> Subject: Commo check

> > Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

> > I was taking notes while you were talking...this just to confirm your address.

> > JTF-Katrina Vet: [REDACTED] there till Saturday. (B6)
> > Lt [REDACTED]; cell [REDACTED] (B6)

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> > 114th ASG CRTG, Gulfport airport; MS ARNG; Germany MRES 12k
> cases on
> > flatbed POC is [REDACTED]; LL [REDACTED]; cell [REDACTED] (B6)
> [REDACTED] (B6)
> > Get rid or get VETCOM inspectors; Naval air station inspectors
> are
> > there, can condemn.
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> > [REDACTED] is vet at NORAD (B6)
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> > 48 pallets, Belle Chase, NATO; picking them up tomorrow morning
> OFDA /
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> > USAID coming to pick them up
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> > [REDACTED] (B6)
> >
> > [REDACTED] (B6)
> > Executive Officer
> > Interagency Coordination
> > NORAD-US NORTHCOM
> >
> > DSN [REDACTED] (B6)
> > COM
> > Cell
> > FAX
> >
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