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April 27, 2023

Nikhel Sus  
Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington  
1101 K St., N.W., Suite 201  
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Nikhel Sus:

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated January 10, 2021. Your request is now in litigation, cited as *CREW v. DOJ, et al.*, 1:21-cv-572 (D.D.C.).

Your request is for:

1. All records from December 1, 2020, to January 6, 2021, relating to DOD, the National Guard, or the Army providing assistance or support to the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department in connection with the January 6, 2021 congressional session to count electoral votes.
2. All records reflecting the parameters for the National Guard's deployment to D.C. on January 6, 2021, including any limitations imposed on the number of personnel deployed, their movement within the District, or their use of force.
3. All communications with the D.C. Mayor's Office or the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department regarding the parameters for the National Guard's deployment to D.C. on January 6, 2021."

Our search yielded the attached responsive records. These records are part of a continuous rolling release over the course of the litigation. This release consists of 30 pages.

We have redacted material under Exemptions (b)5, (b)6, and (b)7(E).

**Exemption 5 of the FOIA 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5)**

Exemption 5 protects "inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency." 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5). Courts have interpreted Exemption 5 to encompass the privileges recognized by statute or case law in the civil discovery context. See *U.S. v. Weber Aircraft Corp.*, 465 U.S. 792, 800 (1984); *FTC v. Grolier Inc.*, 462 U.S. 19, 26 (1983) at 26, *NLRB v. Sears, Roebuck & Co.*, 421 U.S. 132, 149 (1975). In this case,

the applicable privileges that serve as bases for citing Exemption 5 are the Deliberative Process Privilege and Attorney-Client Privilege.

### Deliberative Process Privilege

Exemption 5 of the FOIA which protects from disclosure “interagency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party. . . in litigation with the agency”: 5 U.S.C. Section 552(b)(5)(1994). Exemption 5 includes the “Deliberative Process Privilege,” which protects from release agency records that disclose the agency’s decision-making process. *NLRB V. Sears, Roebuck & Co.*, 421 U.S. 132, 95 S.Ct. 1504, 44 LEd.2d. 29 (1975) and *Jordan v. Department of Justice*, 591 F.2d 75.3 (D.C. Cir. 1978) (en banc). In this case, the document you requested contains specific recommendations and frank opinions. As such, it forms part of the “give-and-take” between agency officials involved in the decision-making process. These recommendations and opinions do not necessarily represent the views of the Department of the Army. Release of such pre-decisional and deliberative exchanges would chill the open communication between Federal employees as they would fear that their developing thoughts and opinions would be shared with the public. Accordingly, this information is exempt from release under the deliberative process privilege of exemption (b)(5) of the FOIA.

### Attorney-Client Privilege

The attorney-client privilege protects “confidential communications between an attorney and his client relating to a legal matter for which the client has sought professional advice.” *Mead Data Central, Inc. v. Dept. of the Air Force*, 566 F.2d 242, 252 (D.C. Cir. 1977). Additionally, the privilege protects communications containing purely factual information divulged by a client to the attorney and any opinions given by an attorney to his client based upon those facts.” *Electronic Privacy Info. Ctr., v. Dept. of Homeland Security*, 384 F. Supp. 2d 100, 114 (D.D.C. 2005).

### ***Exemption 6 of the FOIA 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6)***

Exemption (b)(6) of the FOIA protects from mandatory disclosure “personnel and medical files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy.” 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) (2011). To qualify for protection under Exemption (b)(6), records must meet two criteria: (1) they must be “personnel and medical files and similar files,” (2) the disclosure of which “would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.” *Id.*; *United States Dep’t of State v. Washington Post Co.*, 456 U.S. 595, 599-603 (1982). The first prong is met if the information “appl[ies] to a particular individual” and is “personal” in nature. *New York Times Co. v. NASA*, 852 F.2d 602, 606 (D.C. Cir. 1988). The second prong requires courts to strike a “balance between the protection of an individual’s right to privacy and the preservation of the public’s right to government information.” *United States Dep’t of State v. Washington Post Co.*, 456 U.S. 595, 599 (1982). The “public interest” in the analysis is limited to the

“core purpose” for which Congress enacted the FOIA: to “shed . . . light on an agency’s performance of its statutory duties.” *United States Dep’t of Justice v. Reporters Comm. for Freedom of the Press*, 489 U.S. 749, 773 (1989).

We are withholding telephone numbers and other contact information for all Army personnel (e.g., e-mail addresses, telephone-line numbers) and third-party information under Exemption 6. 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). See *Judicial Watch, Inc. v. United States*, No. 03-1160, 2004 WL 26736, at \*4 (4th Cir. Jan. 6, 2004). Under the Exemption (b)(6) balancing test, the Supreme Court held in a similar case that disclosure of employee addresses “would not appreciably further the citizens’ right to be informed about what their Government is up to and, indeed, would reveal little or nothing about the employing agencies or their activities.” *United States Dep’t of Defense v. Fed. Labor Relations Auth.*, 510 U.S. 487 (1994). The same is true here regarding telephone numbers. Disclosure of the names, contact, and personal information of government employees would contribute little to the public’s understanding of government activities. By contrast, such disclosure would constitute a “non-trivial” and “not insubstantial” invasion of government employees’ privacy interests. *Id.* at 500, 501.

#### **Exemption 7 of the FOIA 5 U.S.C. § 552(b) 7(E)**

Exemption (b)7(E) of the FOIA protects from mandatory disclosure law enforcement records and affords protection to all law enforcement information that “would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law.” 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(E). Information withheld under these exemptions have been appropriately marked.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or the information furnished, please contact Lee Reeves at (202) 616-0773 or [Lee.Reeves2@usdoj.gov](mailto:Lee.Reeves2@usdoj.gov).

Sincerely,

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# Planned Activities (1 of 2)

- **The Silent Majority – 01/05/2021 – 01/06/2021**
  - **Time:** 1000 to 1700 hours
  - **Location:** National Mall at 13<sup>th</sup> Street
  - **Participants:** (500) listed on permit application
- **Washington, DC (New Jersey Patriot Events) – 01/05/2021 – 01/06/2021**
  - **Time:** 2200 hours
  - **Location:** New Jersey to the National Mall
  - **Participants:** (94) listed / (258) interested
- **Canton/Akron Protest Bus Transportation – 01/06/2021**
  - **Time:** 0400 to 2345 hours
  - **Location:** Canton & Akron, OH, to U.S. Capitol
  - **Participants:** (59) listed / (184) interested
- **March on Congress – 01/06/2021**
  - **Time:** 0700 hours
  - **Location:** Washington, DC
  - **Participants:** (814) listed / (4,500) interested
- **Million MAGA March, March for Trump, Stop the Steal (NJ Patriots) – 01/06/2021**
  - **Time:** 0700 hours
  - **Location:** Washington, DC
  - **Participants:** (676) listed / (2,000) interested
- **Rally to Revival – 01/06/2021**
  - **Time:** 0800 to 2359 hours
  - **Location:** Sylvan Theater
  - **Participants:** (5,000) listed on permit application

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- **March for Trump (Prime Time Patriots) – 01/06/2021**
  - **Time:** 0900 to 1800 hours
  - **Location:** 213 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE
  - **Participants:** (69) listed / (378) interested
- **Women for America First – 01/06/2021**
  - **Time:** 0900 to 1900 hours
  - **Location:** The Ellipse/Freedom Plaza
  - **Participants:** (5,000) listed for each location
- **Patriot Party and Pat King – 01/06/2021**
  - **Time:** 1200 hours
  - **Location:** Washington, DC
  - **Participants:** (104) listed / (650) interested
- **Stop the Steal March #Be There – 01/06/2021**
  - **Time:** 1200 hours
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  - **Participants:** (199) listed / (730) interested

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**Sent:** Fri 1/1/2021 9:43:42 PM (UTC)  
**Subject:** Fwd: SVTC

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FYI.

The proposed 1330hrs below works for the Chairman. Could we look at working a secure call versus a SVTC? It would work better logistically for the Chairman.

Chairman will be at his quarters CMS phone.

Happy New Year!!

V/R,

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**From:** [B6] Col SD" <[B6]>  
**Date:** Friday, January 1, 2021 at 4:08:38 PM  
**To:** [B6] COL USARMY JS OCJCS (USA)" <[B6]>, "[B6] COL  
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JS OCJCS (USA)" <[B6]>  
**Subject:** RE: SVTC

Thanks [B6] Message received. We will also work it and get back to you.

V/r, [B6]

Col [B6] USAF

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**Subject:** Re: SVTC

Thanks: [B6] As discussed, we'll get back to you.

V/R

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**From:** "[B6] COL USARMY HQDA SECARMY (USA)" <[B6]>

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**Subject:** SVTC

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Secretary McCarthy would like to conduct a secure call or SVTC with A/SD Miller and GEN Milley tomorrow afternoon to discuss Mayor Bowser and DC Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency's request for DCNG support for 5 and 6 January, and brief DCNG's CONOP. I'd like to propose 1330, but we will adjust based upon A/SD and CJCS availability. I'll call you both to confirm receipt. Thanks-

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**From:** Walker, William J MG USARMY NG DCARNG (USA) <[B6]>

**Sent:** Friday, January 1, 2021 1:57 PM

**To:** McCarthy, Ryan D HON USARMY HQDA SECARMY (USA) <[B6]>; Piatt, Walter E LTG USARMY HQDA DAS (USA) <[B6]>

**Cc:** Dean, Aaron R II BG USARMY NG DCARNG (USA) <[B6]>; Maldonado, Mark A Brig Gen USAF NG DCANG (USA) <[B6]>; Ryan, R Kenneth ([B6] BG USARMY NG DCARNG (USA)

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**Subject:** Formal request for DCNG support on 5-6 January received

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

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Secretary of the Army

The Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

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Most respectfully,

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District of Columbia National Guard

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**Start Time:** Sat 1/2/2021 6:30:00 PM (UTC)

**End Time:** Sat 1/2/2021 7:00:00 PM (UTC)

**Required Attendees:** McCarthy, Ryan D HON USARMY HQDA SECARMY (USA)

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Topic: Request for DCNG Support on 5-6 January.

Pending confirmation: SVTC or secure phone call.

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**From:** Walker, William J MG USARMY NG DCARNG (USA) [/O=EASF/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP ( [B6] )/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN= [B6]  
**Sent:** Wed 1/6/2021 3:22:38 PM (UTC)  
**Subject:** DCNG Morning Update as of 1000 (UNCLASSIFIED)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

The Honorable Ryan D. McCarthy,  
Secretary of the Army  
The Pentagon, Washington, D.C.  
Mr. Secretary,

Sir, as of 1000 this morning, there is nothing significant to report.

Traffic Control Points: [7E] points [7E] Guardsmen per point, total of [7E] Guardsmen on duty.

Metro stations: [7E] stations [7E] Guardsmen per station, total of [7E] Guardsmen on duty.

QRF: [7E] Guardsmen on standby from 1130 to 2400 at Andrews Air Force Base.

Mr. Secretary, we are in contact with MPD and Metro Transit Police leaders and both greatly appreciate our assistance.

Sir, we have liaison officers at the Whitehouse EOC (Soldiers and Airmen who work there as civilians) at MPD Headquarters (Soldiers and Airmen who are Police Officers), at the FBI Washington Field Office (Soldiers who are FBI Agents) and at the DC Fire and Emergency Management Agency Headquarters.

Sir, next update at 1200 or sooner if required.

V/R

MG Walker

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**From:** Hannah, Amy E BG USARMY HQDA OCPA (USA) [/O=EASF/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (B6)] /CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=[B6]

**Sent:** Tue 1/5/2021 10:49:16 PM (UTC)

**Subject:** ARMY (PA) Close of Business (COB) Report - 5 JAN  
smime.p7m

Mr. Secretary and Chief:  
 Below please find today's Close of Business Report.  
 v/r, Amy

#### ON TOP

- **DCNG ACTIVATION:** Continued coordination ISO the DCNG mission. DCNG public affairs is being augmented with a PAD of six Soldiers and has two organic PA Soldiers to provide coverage of their support. We assisted them with social media post for their black vests (vs body armor) and we remain in close coordination with the DCNG. We will provide support with social media monitoring, message development and other requests as needed. Between 0900 and 1400 today, there were approximately 51,000 social media mentions of the demonstrations in DC; 95% of these posts mentioned the DCNG's support mission. While there is considerable emotion on both sides of the political spectrum in these posts, neither side is displaying animosity towards the Guard mission. Full text of news articles is attached. DCNG completed a b-roll package today and is posted to DVIDs for media use. We are sending to the Pentagon Press Corps and DC-affiliates to ensure they 1) understand the mission profile and don't mistakenly use file footage featuring combat gear.
- **INDO-PACIFIC ARTICLE:** Coordinating with the G 3/5/7 on the release of an article reinforcing the Army's strategic importance in the Indo-Pacific theater. Expect to place it with Foreign Affairs, Foreign Policy or War on the Rocks prior to the inauguration.
- **FORT KNOX MTF:** The MTF at Knox hosted local media today allowing them to highlight their COVID-19 vaccination administration of Tier 1A personnel while reinforcing the vaccination's safety and efficacy. Expect to feature leader and Soldier highlights regularly on social media from around the Army.

#### OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- **#IAmVanessaGuillen Act:** A march in Washington D.C. is planned for January 21st at 1PM in support of the #IAmVanessaGuillen Act. Organizers say the march is to show Congress and President-elect Biden that "we will not stop until the legislation #IAmVanessaGuillen is signed into law." We will BOLO.

#### THREE DAY MEDIA INTERVIEW FORECAST

- **PEOPLE**
  - 6-8 JAN: SMA [B6] will travel to Fort Hood to discuss "This Is My Squad" and People First priorities, and to conduct listening sessions to get feedback on changes since the investigations began. (AP will cover)
  - 11 JAN: Under Secretary James McPherson will record an on-camera interview for social media platforms to highlight leadership lessons from his tenure.
  - 12 JAN: SMA [B6] will participate in a livestreamed AUSA Noon Report event on the Army's People First priorities, advancing a culture of trust and QoL services and reforms (register at <https://www.bigmarker.com/ausaorg/AUSA-Noon-Report-SMA-Grinston>).

#### LAST 12 HOURS

- **Cooper Calls in National Guard to Pick up Vaccine Rollout**  
 (The Associated Press, Jan. 5, Staff Writer) <https://apnews.com/article/north-carolina-coronavirus-pandemic-coronavirus-vaccine-09d5acd1fd6d264b6d1ec80afeeb301>
- **Navy SEAL pleads guilty in strangulation death case of Army Green Beret staff sergeant**

(Army Times, Jan. 5, Todd South) <https://www.armytimes.com/news/your-army/2021/01/05/navy-seal-pleads-guilty-in-strangulation-death-of-army-green-beret-staff-sergeant/>

- **US cavalry unit takes up position in Lithuania**

(Stars and Stripes, Jan. 5, Staff Writer) <https://www.stripes.com/news/europe/us-cavalry-unit-takes-up-position-in-lithuania-1.657486>

- **Israel sends 'Iron Dome' anti-missile units to the U.S.**

(The Washington Times, Jan. 5, Mike Glenn) <https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2021/jan/5/israel-sends-iron-dome-anti-missile-units-us/>

#### QUERIES OF NOTE:

- SFC [B6] Ileana Najarro, Tampa Bay Times, requested service record and confirmation if [B6] was ever stationed at MacDill AFB. Provided approved releasable service information.

#### SOCIAL MEDIA ROLLUP

JAN 4-5 Social media post schedule "Run of Show" attached.

#### ARMY.MIL LINEUP

Army distributes COVID-19 vaccine to US troops in Korea <https://www.army.mil/article/242160/>

Amid takeover of his native country, Soldier fights for family, homeland <https://www.army.mil/article/242173/>

Army & Air Force Exchange Service celebrates first year of patronage expansion to disabled veterans  
<https://www.army.mil/article/242172/>

Amy E. Hannah  
Brigadier General, U.S. Army  
Chief of Public Affairs

Message

**From:** [B6] TC USARMY HQDA VCSA (USA) [/O=EASF/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP  
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**Sent:** 1/5/2021 10:13:04 PM  
**To:** Martin, Joseph M GEN USARMY HQDA VCSA (USA) [B6]  
**CC:** [B6] COL USARMY HQDA VCSA (USA) [B6]  
**Subject:** INFO SPOTREP: MG Jones brief to NCR Delegation  
**Attachments:** smime.p7m

Good evening Sir,

FYSA, below is the SPOTREP from today's engagements between MG Jones (MDW CDR) and members of the DC delegation - REP Beyer (D-VA) and REP Norton (D-DC) to discuss the Presidential Inauguration.

**BLUF:** The engagements were positive, **REP Beyer and REP Norton appreciated being briefed two weeks before the inauguration so their offices can appropriately respond to constituents to help reduce potential RFIs and inquire.** Both members asked questions about the **DCNG support to civil authorities**, MG Jones was able to educate them on the logistical support MDW will provide (GSA vehicles) and ensure both members understood Title 10 forces will not be used. **During the conversation REP Beyer stated he is going to support the waiver for GEN(Ret.) Austin to be SECDEF.**

Additional Information:

-Engagements were scheduled to ensure NCR delegation received information on Inauguration plan and potential impacts to their district so they can educate constituents if they receive complaints. **The NCR delegation expressed frustration following the Salute To America celebrations in 2019 and 2020 because they were not given prior notification of impacts to their district.**

-REP Beyer said his former Chief of Staff, Tonya Bradsher, is going to join President Elect Biden's NSC.

**-REP Beyer and his staff asked MG Jones if any military equipment will be staged in their district and if there will be an increase in helicopter flights supporting the inauguration.**

MG Jones explained only ceremonial military equipment supporting the Old Guard, Army Band, etc. will be in the district. He also informed REP Beyer's staff the number of military flights will not increase. REP Beyer's staff was appreciative to hear this and said it will be helpful if they receive constituent complaints.

-REP Beyer's MLA asked for details on the lead federal agency during the Inauguration.

MG Jones gave an overview of the responsibilities of Secret Service, FBI, Capitol Police, DC National Guard, and the MDW. He re-emphasized the MDW does not have any security responsibilities.

-During his briefing MG Jones gave an overview of the traditional events that are being canceled or reduced due to COVID. This includes the military parade that is still planned with ~300 participants (less than typical ~2,000).

Keep Positive, Stay Healthy!

Army Strong!

V/r,

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**From:** Hannah, Amy E BG USARMY HQDA OCPA (USA) [/O=EASF/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (EXCHANGEX)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=B6]  
**Sent:** 1/4/2021 3:15:22 PM  
**To:** McCarthy, Ryan D HON USARMY HQDA SECARMY (USA) [B6]; McConville, James C GEN USARMY HQDA CSA (USA) [B6]  
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**Subject:** Communications Plan  
**Attachments:** smime.p7m

Mr. Secretary and Chief,

Comms Plan is outlined below. We are working the press release now for DCNG letterhead. Vr, Amy

Timeline

10:15: Call w/ Mayor/MPD Chief  
10:15: Call with PAO teams  
10:30: Congressional Notification  
\*10:30-10:45: Backgrounder w/ AP, WaPo, ABC, NPR (Close Hold, not for release)  
11:00: DC Mayor Press Conference (will do hasty summary and send to all for awareness)  
O/A 12:00: DCNG Press Release to state  
UTC: Continue to monitor and RTQ

Topline Message:

- Request for National Guard Support has been made by local and federal law-enforcement officials in anticipation of demonstrations January 5-6.
- The role of the DC National Guard is to allow local and federal law enforcement to do their job to enable peaceful demonstrations.

Talking Points:

- Mayor Muriel Bowser and Dr. Christopher Rodriguez requested DCNG support from 0700 to 2400 and January 5-6 2021, to support the Metro Police Department and DC Fire and Emergency Service response to planned First Amendment demonstrations.
- The request includes;
  - o Crowd management at Metropolitan Transit Stations.
  - o Establishment of traffic control points.
  - o The 33rd Civil Support Team to conduct their core tasks of detection, technical decontamination, analytical laboratory suite support, and CST operations and communications support.

- Approval of this request is predicated on the following conditions being met:
  - o The establishment of a lead federal agency for enhanced coordination of all agencies.
  - o The estimated numbers for the demonstrations exceed the local and federal agencies' ability to address the risk.
  - o All other federal agencies have exhausted their assets to support these events.
- The request is under review by Department of Defense leadership.
- The DCNG will be postured to support; however, will not commit until the request for support is approved by Department of Defense leadership.

**From:** [B6] COL USARMY HQDA SECARMY (USA) [B6]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 4, 2021 9:03 AM  
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**Subject:** RE: Updated Memo  
**Importance:** High

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Final copy attached. This memo is not approved for external release. Thank you.

v/r;  
 COL [B6]

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COL [B6]