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Sent via email to: [mlerner@citizensforethics.org](mailto:mlerner@citizensforethics.org)

Ms. Meredith Lerner  
CREW  
1101 K St, NW  
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Lerner,

This is in reference to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)/Privacy Act (PA) request dated July 11, 2019. Your request was received in our office on the same day and assigned case number DON-NAVY-2019-008957.

In the course of processing your FOIA request this office contacted the Secretary of the Navy Legal Office (SECNAV), as well as the Office of Legislative Affairs (OLA) to conduct a search for applicable records. Accordingly, those offices searched their local files for records relating to "Copies of all communications between Navy and Republican National Committee officials regarding Salute to America... Copies of all communications between Navy and Donald J. Trump for President, Inc. officials regarding Salute to America..."

The SECNAV office has identified 1 record totaling 30 pages that is responsive to your request. Upon review of these records, it has been determined that they contain instances of personally identifiable information (PII), such as the names and email addresses. These instances of PII are exempt from disclosure under 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), since release of this information would result in a clearly unwarranted invasion of their personal privacy. The remainder of the records are released to you.

OLA has informed our office that they have found no records responsive to your request.

Because your request is partially denied, you are advised of your right to appeal this determination by writing to:

Office of the Judge Advocate General  
1322 Patterson Ave SE Ste 3000  
Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066

Your appeal must be postmarked within ninety calendar days from the date of this letter. A copy of your initial request and this letter must accompany the appeal. The appeal should be marked "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEAL" both on the envelope and the face of the letter. In order to expedite the appellate process and ensure full consideration of your appeal, your appeal should contain a brief statement of the reasons you believe this decision to be in error.

In this instance, the fees associated with the processing of your request are waived, but this action is not indicative of how future requests will be handled.

For this determination, you have the right to seek dispute resolution services from either the DoD Navy Component FOIA Public Liaison, Mr. Chris Julka, at: [Christopher.a.julka@navy.mil](mailto:Christopher.a.julka@navy.mil), via phone: (703) 697-0031; or by contacting the Office of Government Information Services at: (<https://ogis.archives.gov/>), (202) 741-5770, [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov).

Questions regarding the action this office has taken to process your request may be directed to our FOIA Service Center at (202) 685-0412 or via email at [donfoia-pa@navy.mil](mailto:donfoia-pa@navy.mil).

Sincerely,



G. Cason

By Direction  
Deputy Director,  
DON FOIA/PA Program Office