



**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**  
**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION DIVISION**  
**1155 DEFENSE PENTAGON**  
**WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1155**

Ref: [REDACTED]  
March 9, 2023

Mr. Dustin Bryce  
Interest of Justice  
contact@interestofjustice.org

Dear Mr. Bryce:

This is a final response to your March 6, 2023 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, a copy of which is enclosed for your convenience. We received your request on March 7, 2023, and assigned it FOIA case number [REDACTED]. We ask that you use this number when referring to your request.

Please note that your request was misdirected to this office for processing. This FOIA office only processes requests for the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the Joint Staff. There is no central FOIA processing point for records for the entire Department of Defense (DoD). FOIA processing is decentralized and delegated to those officials of the Military Departments and various DoD Components who generate and/or maintain the records being sought or reviewed. In this instance, the Department of Health & Human Services (HHS), who operates their own FOIA program, would most likely have cognizance over the information you have requested. You may wish to submit your request directly to the HHS for processing. For your convenience, contact information for the HHS FOIA office is provided below:

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20201  
FOIARequest@hhs.gov

This action closes your request with this office, and there are no assessable fees associated with this response. If you have any questions or concerns about the foregoing or about the processing of your request, please do not hesitate to contact the Action Officer assigned to your request, George Pugh, [REDACTED] or [REDACTED].

Sincerely,

*for Pamela Andrews*  
Stephanie L. Carr  
Chief

Enclosure:  
As stated