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Date sent: Fri, 18 Dec 2020 07:10:05 -0800 (PST)
From: cer <cer@nara.gov>
To: cer <cer@nara.gov>
Copies to: Edward Hasbrouck <edward@hasbrouck.org>
Subject: Re: NCMNPS FOIA request

Dear Mr. Hasbrouck,

This is in reply to your follow-up FOIA request 20-54033 (ER0566), seeking access to archival records of the National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service (NCMNPS).

We completed processing the 279 records identified as Commission Findings and Recommendations (disposition item 3.2). Most of these records are open in full. However, 33 files contain information exempt from disclosure under FOIA (b)(6), which relates to personal privacy. In most cases, the information exempt is personal phone numbers. We have prepared redacted versions of the files to make available to the public.

We are in the process of making these records available in the National Archives Catalog (<https://catalog.archives.gov/>), but that still may take some weeks. Instead, attached are spreadsheets that lists the narrative title for each file, the file size (bytes), the path of the file as transferred to NARA, and a link to access the file. The spreadsheet also identified which files are redacted versions.

Again, the metadata we received with the transfer of the files did not specify which workstation or server the file resided on when in use by the NCMNPS. The transferring official likely pulled the files from the original locations to create a new directory specifically for transferring them to NARA. The transferring official provided the files on a thumbdrive and all the archival files had a date modified of 9/18/2020 or 9/19/2020.

This is an interim response to your FOIA request in order to provide you access with additional sets of processed and reviewed NCMNPS records.

If you are not satisfied with our action on your request, you have the right to file an administrative appeal within ninety (90) calendar days from the date of this letter. Appeals must be in writing and may be delivered by regular U.S. mail or by email. By filing an appeal, you preserve your rights under the Freedom of Information Act and present the deciding agency with an opportunity to review your request and reconsider its decision. If you submit your appeal by regular mail, it should be addressed to the Deputy Archivist of the United States (ND), National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, Room 4200, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001. Both the letter and envelope should be clearly marked "FOIA Appeal." If you submit your appeal by email, please send it to foia@nara.gov, addressed to the Deputy Archivist, with the words "FOIA Appeal" in the subject line. Please be certain to explain why you believe this response does not meet the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act. All communications concerning this request should reference your FOIA tracking number 20-54033 (ER0566).

If you would like the opportunity to discuss our response and attempt to resolve your dispute without initiating the appeals process, you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison for assistance:

Accessioned Executive Branch Records – Washington, DC Area
FOIA Requester Service Center: 301-837-3190
FOIA Public Liaison: Michael Marquis
8601 Adelphi Road, Room 5500
College Park, MD 20740-6001
dc.foia.liaison@nara.gov
301-837-3190

If you are unable to resolve your dispute through our Public Liaison, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) is the federal FOIA ombudsman. OGIS offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and federal agencies. You may contact OGIS at the following address:

Office of Government Information Services (OGIS)
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road, Room 2510
College Park, MD 20740-6001
ogis@nara.gov
202-741-5770
1-877-684-6448 (toll-free)

Sincerely,
Lynn Goodsell
Reference Branch Chief, Electronic Records Division (RRE)
National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)
cer@nara.gov

Attachments:
NCMNPS Findings Recommendations.xlsx

On Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 5:07:54 PM UTC-5 Edward Hasbrouck wrote:

> On 24 Nov 2020 at 11:09, "cer" <cer@c...@nara.gov>> wrote:
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> I have attempted to do so, but I have received no response to my e-mail to
> this address (which was copied to you).
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> Peace,
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> Edward Hasbrouck
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> Draft Registration and Draft Resistance:
> <https://Resisters.info>
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> "Resistance News" mailing list:

> <https://resisters.info/newsletter.html>
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