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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Ser 145/B013
June 20, 2024

Mr. Colin Farnsworth
Center for Immigration Studies
1629 K Street NW #600
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Mr. Farnsworth:

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request 2024-USMCFDIA-002735

This letter is in final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. Your request sought a copy of the "records reflecting trespassing incident reports at Marine Corps Base Quantico on May 3, 2024, and all related charging documents filed."

A search of the Provost Marshall's Office (PMO) for documents responsive to your request produced a total of 14 pages of the incident report. Of those pages, I have determined that the redacted portions of the attached information are exempt from release pursuant to Title 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b) (6), (b) (7) (C), and (b) (7) (E). These redactions were made in concert with Immigration Customs and Enforcement (ICE) for further information, please refer to ice-foia@ice.dhs.gov.

FOIA Exemption 6 exempts from disclosure personnel or medical files and similar files the release of which would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. This requires a balancing of the public's right to disclosure against the individual's right to privacy. The privacy interests of the individuals in the records you have requested outweigh any minimal public interest in disclosure of the information. Any private interest you may have in that information does not factor into the aforementioned balancing test.

FOIA Exemption 7(C) protects records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes that could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. This exemption takes particular note of the strong interests of individuals, whether they are suspects, witnesses, or investigators, in not being unwarrantably associated with

alleged criminal activity. That interest extends to persons who are not only the subjects of the investigation, but those who may have their privacy invaded by having their identities and information about them revealed in connection with an investigation. Based upon the traditional recognition of strong privacy interest in law enforcement records, categorical withholding of information that identifies third parties in law enforcement records is ordinarily appropriate. As such, I have determined that the privacy interest in the identities of individuals in the records you have requested clearly outweigh any minimal public interest in disclosure of the information. Please note that any private interest you may have in that information does not factor into this determination.

FOIA Exemption 7(E) protects records compiled for law enforcement purposes, the release of which would disclose techniques and/or 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. I determined that disclosure of law enforcement systems checks, could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law. Additionally, the techniques and procedures at issue are not well known to the public.

You may appeal any of the responses or decisions set forth above. If you choose to file an appeal, you must do so within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Your appeal must be in writing, signed by you or your representative, and should contain the rationale for the appeal. You may send your appeal via the U.S. Mail (address below). Your appeal should be addressed to:

Office of the Judge Advocate General (Code 14)
1322 Patterson Avenue SE
Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374
Phone: (202) 685-5472

You also have the right to seek assistance and/or dispute resolution services from the Marine Corps FOIA Public Liaison, Ms. Sally Hughes, at hqmcfoia@usmc.mil or (703) 614-4008, and/or the Department of the Navy FOIA Public Liaison, Mr. Christopher Julka, at Christopher.a.julka@navy.mil or (703) 697-0031. You may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) for assistance and/or dispute resolution at ogis@nara.gov or 1-877-684-6448. For more information online about services

provided by OGIS, please visit their website at
<https://ogis.archives.gov>.

For inquiries concerning your request, please contact me, at
(703) 784-2181 and reference the FOIA request number in the
subject line. If you are unable to reach me, please feel free
to contact me at maria.e.gonzalez2@usmc.mil.

Sincerely,



Maria E. Gonzalez
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