



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Federal Aviation
Administration**

Mission Support Services
800 Independent Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20591

April 13, 2021

Mr. John Greenewald
27305 W. Live Oak Road
Suite 1203
Castaic, California 91384

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

Subject: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request 2021-002372WS

This is an Air Traffic Organization (ATO), Mission Support Services, Western Service Center (WSC), partial denial, partial no records response to your FOIA request dated January 4, 2021, made under the provisions of Title 5 United States Code (U.S.C), Section 552. You subsequently narrowed the scope of your FOIA request on March 17, 2021. You requested copies of Air Traffic Services data from any Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Air Traffic Control facility related to an unidentified flying object on December 29, 2020, near Honolulu, Hawaii.

A search for records was conducted by the Honolulu Control Facility. This search revealed the following records responsive to your request which have been saved to the enclosed compact disc:

- One redacted copy of the Mandatory Occurrence Report on December 29, 2020.

We have withheld information under Exemption 6 of the FOIA, Title 5 U.S.C. Section 552 (b)(6) that protects personally identifiable information which, if released, would cause a unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. We have determined that the personal privacy interests involved outweigh any public interest in the release of this information. The withheld information consists of personnel names and personal cell phone numbers, which have been clearly marked on the enclosed records.

There were no records responsive to your request, which sought audio re-recordings and radar data, because your request was received outside of the 45 day record retention period and this incident was classified as a 45-day file. The FAA retention and destruction regulations are outlined in FAA Order 7210.3BB, Facility Operation and Administration.

Your request qualifies for the "Media" fee category, whereby you are not charged for search time, any review time, and the first 100 pages of documents. There were no fees incurred in processing your request. An invoice is enclosed for your reference.

The undersigned and Clark Desing, Director, ATO, WSC, are responsible for this partial denial, partial no records response. You may request reconsideration of this determination through electronic mail at FOIA-Appeals@faa.gov or by writing to the address below:

Assistant Administrator for Finance and Management, AFN-400
Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
800 Independence Ave
SW Washington, DC 20591

Your request for reconsideration must be made in writing within 90 days from the date that the initial determination was made and must include all information and arguments relied upon. Your appeal must also state that it is an "appeal" from the above described denial of a request made under the FOIA. The envelope containing the appeal should be marked "FOIA."

You also have the right to seek dispute resolution services from the Federal Aviation Administration FOIA Public Liaison via phone at (202) 267-7799 or email at: 7-AWA-ARC-FOIA@faa.gov. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services at: www.archives.gov/ogis, via phone at (202) 741-5770, toll free at (877) 684-6448, via fax at (202) 741-5769, or via email at ogis@nara.gov. Please note "FOIA Public Liaison" in the subject line.

Sincerely,

Clark Desing

For: Angela R. McCullough
Vice President, Mission Support Services
Air Traffic Organization

Enclosures

Federal Aviation Administration
Air Traffic Org - Western Service Area
FAA ANM-RO Mailcode: AJV-W64 2200 S 216th
street
Des Moines WA 98198

FOIA Number:

2021-002372WS (WSJA001)

Pay.Gov Web Payment ID:

520893

INVOICE

John Greenewald
27305 W Live Oak Rd. Suite #1203
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Date	Item Category	Description	Other	Charges Incurred	Charges Deducted	Charges Applied	Payment
03/31/2021	Search	Manual Search	HCF Search	\$190.00	\$190.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
03/31/2021	Review	Review Time	HCF Review	\$95.00	\$95.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
03/31/2021	Review	Review Time	FOIA Specialist Review	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
						\$0.00	\$0.00

A balance equal to or less than \$20.00 is not collected.

Amount Due **\$0.00**

Payment must be made within 30 days from the date of receipt of this invoice.

In accordance with CDC guidance due to the recent events surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, our workforce is teleworking to the maximum extent possible. As a result, payments remitted to the Federal Aviation Administration through traditional methods, such as US Mail, Fed Ex, etc. cannot not be processed until we return to the office. We encourage you to utilize our Pay.gov system, where payments can be remitted electronically.

We appreciate your patience and understanding during this difficult time as we endeavor to keep our employees and the flying public safe.

To Pay thru Pay.Gov:

Please use the link from our FOIA web page (www.faa.gov/foia) to access the proper pay.gov account. This pay.gov account is a secure website where you can pay by e-check or credit card. When you access the Pay.gov website, you will be asked to provide the following information:

Web Payment ID Number: 520893
FOIA Request Number: 2021-002372
Name of FOIA Requester: John Greenewald
Amount Due: \$0.00

To Pay by check:

Please clip the payment coupon below and mail it, along with your check payable to DOT/FAA, to the address indicated.

John Greenewald
27305 W Live Oak Rd. Suite #1203
Castaic CA 91384

Balance due upon receipt.

Balance Due: **\$0.00**

Payment Amount:


Please write the FOIA Number in the memo field of your check.

FOIA Number: 2021-002372WS (WSJA001)

Remit to: Federal Aviation Administration
Air Traffic Org - Western Service Area, WS-JA1
FAA ANM-RO Mailcode: AJV-W64 2200 S 216th
street
Des Moines WA 98198

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Air Traffic Mandatory Occurrence Report

HCF-M-2020/12/29-0007

1. Reporting FAC ID			2. Date UTC (dd/mm/yyyy)						3. Time UTC				4. Significant Occurrence?		
H	C	F	2	9	1	2	2	0	2	0	0	7	3	5	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
5. MOR reported by (select one):												6. Did equipment outage potentially contribute to this event?			
<input type="radio"/> Controller providing services			<input type="radio"/> FLM			<input type="radio"/> Internal Facility Review						<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No			
<input type="radio"/> CIC			<input type="radio"/> Aircraft Owner/Operator			<input type="radio"/> Electronically Detected									
<input type="radio"/> External Facility Referral			<input type="radio"/> Hotline (Describe in summary)			<input type="radio"/> Other (Describe in summary)									
Training in progress? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No						Nearest Airport: <u>HNL</u>						Alert #: _____			
INQUIRY MORs															
G1. MOR Type - public inquiry: Any expression of concern or inquiry, by any external entity, that is made by email, telephone, radio, etc., concerning the proximity or operation of an aircraft, either airborne or on the surface															
G2. Airborne occurrence:		NMAC:		G3. Reporting source:						G4. Contact number:					
<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No		<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No		HONOLULU POLICE						911					
G5a. Reporting Aircraft:															
Aircraft ID		Aircraft type/suffix		Facility communicating with A/C				Position communicating with A/C				Frequency			
UNKNOWN		UNKN		HCF											
G5b. Wake Source Aircraft:															
Aircraft ID		Aircraft type/suffix		Facility communicating with A/C				Position communicating with A/C				Frequency			
Required separation: Vertical _____ Lateral _____ nm						Observed separation: Vertical _____ Lateral _____ nm						Airspace Class:			
A/C Location (F/R/D):						A/C Altitude:		Number Injured:				Control Issue Experiences:			
Injuries Suffered															
METAR Observation															
PHNL 290653Z 03004KT 10SM FEW025 FEW045 BKN200 24/19 A3010 RMK AO2 SLP191 T02390189															

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PILOT DEVIATION			
Was this a possible pilot deviation?			
<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Preliminary Number: _____	Phase of Flight: _____	
Airspace Class: _____	Aircraft #: _____	ORG Choices: _____	Office Number: _____
Type of Deviation: _____		Control Surface: _____	
Pilot Summary: 			
NMAC			
Was this a NMAC?			
<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	NMAC Number: _____		

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SUMMARY

J1. Summary - provide a brief summary for all MORs in this section that will provide enough information for QA to understand what occurred. Include information about items that require additional information in the specific MOR you are reporting.

HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLED TO ASK IF WE WERE MISSING ANY A/C. SOMEONE FROM NANAKULI CALLED THEM AND SAID THERE IS A POSSIBLE DOWNED A/C 300YDS OF SHORE. I CHECKED WITH THE H CONTROLLER AND WE ARE NOT MISSING ANY A/C.
UPDATE 0910Z: (b) FROM SAR COMMAND CENTER (b) (6) CALLED HCF AT 0850Z TO ASK IF WE HAD THE NAME OF THE INDIVISUAL WHO CALLED FROM HPD. SHE CALLED HPD HERSELF TO GET MORE INFO AND THEY DID NOT HAVE ANY RECORD OF THE INCIDENT BEING REPORTED OR ANYONE CONTACTING HCF. THE OS WHO ORIGINALLY TOOK THE CALL FROM HPD DID NOT GET A NAME FROM THE CALLER.

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QA SUMMARY

An analysis of the event was completed by reviewing the MOR summary. (b) 1/4/2021