



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

Office of Information & Technology

800 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20591

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Mr. John Greenwald  
The Black Vault

RE: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request 2017-001251

Dear Mr. Greenwald:

This letter is in response to your November 4, 2016, FOIA request seeking a copy of records, electronic or otherwise, of the most recent inventory of software licenses at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

Your request was assigned to the Office of Information & Technology (AIT) for response.

The Office of Information & Technology conducted a search for this information and we are providing it to you with portions withheld under Exemption 3.

FOIA Exemption 3 provides that FOIA's disclosure requirements do "not apply to matters that are . . . specifically exempted from disclosure by statute." 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3). Specifically, 49 U.S.C. § 114(r) prohibits the disclosure of security activities, including but not limited to disclosure of information that would be detrimental to the security of transportation. In carrying out the statute, the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration has prescribed regulation 49 C.F.R. § 1520.5(b) that designates specific details of aviation security measures as Sensitive Security Information (SSI). In this instance, some of the records you requested are designated as SSI, under 49 C.F.R. § 1520.5(b), and consequently are being withheld.

Since the search and review fees were under \$25.00, you will not be charged for this request.

The undersigned is responsible for this partial denial. You may request reconsideration of this determination by writing the Assistant Administrator for Finance and Management (AFN-140), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, 20591 or through electronic mail at: [FOIA-Appeals@faa.gov](mailto:FOIA-Appeals@faa.gov). Your request for reconsideration must be made in writing within 90 days from the date of this letter and must include all information and arguments relied upon. Your letter must 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 Appeal."

You have the right to seek further assistance from the FAA FOIA Public Liaison via phone (202-267-7799) or email ([7-AWA-ARC-FOIA@faa.gov](mailto:7-AWA-ARC-FOIA@faa.gov)) noting FOIA Public Liaison on the subject line.

Sincerely,


Kristen Baldwin  
Deputy Assistant Administrator for Information & Technology  
and Chief Information Officer (AIT-1)

Attachment: As described.

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