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8/8/2025

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

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, 2025-04622, dated July 11, 2025. Specifically, this letter responds to the portion of your request that sought records of interagency coordination or notifications referencing drone activity or UAS incursions in the vicinity of WPAFB between December 13, 2024, and January 31, 2025, including any messages from the FAA's Domestic Events Network (DEN), System Operations Security (SysOps), Air Traffic Security Coordinator (ATSC), or Air Traffic Organization (ATO). The remaining portions of your request will be answered by another FAA office under a separate cover.

A search was conducted by the Air Traffic Organization, System Operations Services, ATO Security Directorate, however, a portion of the records located are being withheld under FOIA Exemption 3. FOIA Exemption 3 permits the withholding of records specifically exempted from disclosure by another Federal statute. In this instance, 10 USC § 130e states, in part, that the Department of Defense (DOD) may exempt critical infrastructure security information where such disclosure would reveal vulnerabilities that, if exploited, would likely result in the significant disruption, destruction, or damage of or to DOD operations, property or facilities. In a letter dated June 2, 2017, the DOD informed the FAA that DOD flight data constitutes DOD Critical Infrastructure Information (DCRIT) and is therefore exempt from disclosure in accordance with this statute.

If you owe fees for the processing of this request, an invoice containing the amount due and payment instructions will be enclosed with this letter.

The undersigned is responsible for this partial denial determination. If you have any additional questions or need assistance, you may contact the FAA FOIA Public Liaison directly at (202) 267-7799 or by email to 9-afn-foia-public-liaison@faa.gov with "Public Liaison" in the subject line. If you believe the outcome of this determination is incorrect, you must request reconsideration by email at FOIA-Appeals@faa.gov or by writing to:

Assistant Administrator for Finance and Management (AFN-1) Federal Aviation Administration 800 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20591

Appeals must be made in writing within 90 days from the signature date of the FAA's final response to your FOIA request. The appeal letter, the envelope, and the e-mail subject line should be clearly marked "FOIA Appeal". The request must also include your assigned FOIA tracking number and why the determination was in error.

Additionally, you may contact the National Archives and Records Administration's Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) to inquire about their FOIA mediation services. The contact information for OGIS is as follows:

Office of Government Information Services National Archives and Records Administration 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS College Park, Maryland 20740-6001

E-mail: ogis@nara.gov

Telephone: (202) 741-5770; Toll-free: 1 (877) 684-6448

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Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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Event #1 - 12/14/2024 03:55Z

Reported to DEN from FFO ATCT

Remarks from SKYWATCH: ATCT personnel observed a UAS over the Hot Cargo Ramp, the south side of RWY 5L, over the military ramp, the east side of the airfield on the perimeter road. Additional reports coming from other base assets. Base security reports UAS are turning lights off and flying past them in close proximity. FFO has issued NOTAMs M1132/24, M1133/24 for airfield closure, all information is being broadcast on ATIS. ATC tower remains open. HQ DEN requested additional updates. Base Security notified at 937-257-7179. TY, AWO notified. 0835 UPDATE: HQ DEN contacted FFO for more information. No further UAS sightings, NOTAMs to remain in effect until Base Leadership meets at 1200. AWO notified. 0200 FFO returned to normal operations at 1230. AWO notified.

Event #2 - 12/17/2024 04:41Z

Reported to DEN from FFO ATCT

Remarks from SKYWATCH: ATCT reporting multiple primary targets on their radar, assumed as UAS activity. No UAS have been observed visually from the tower or by aircraft. Riverside PD notified at 937-233-1801. **AWO notified.**

Event #3 - 12/17/2024 04:58Z

Reported to DEN from ZID Center

MOR Filed - Summary from CEDAR via SKYWATCH FFO ATCT supervisor called ZID OMIC and advised they observed multiple radar targets on the D-Brite ranging from approximately 7 to 17 in number within 40 miles of the airport. The supervisor reported that security forces on the ground confirmed that the observed targets were drones and advised that the Riverside Police Department was notified at 937-233-1801. The DEN was notified by FFO ATCT. ZID WSIC notified CMH APCH of the reported activity. FFO ATCT advised that the targets were still occurring at approximately 0445Z.

Here is the CEDAR MOR information attached to this correspondence.

MOR ID: 1530847975

- Facility: ZID
- Event Date: 2024-12-17T04:58:00.000Z
- UTC Time: 4:58
- UTC Time 24 HR Format: 4:58Calendar Date: 17-Dec-24
- Nearest Airport: KDAY
- METAR: KDAY 170456Z 28012KT 10SM FEW250 08/05 A3011 RMK AO2 SLP197 T00780050

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- Potentially Significant: No
- Callsign: NA
- A/C Type: NA
- IFR / IVR: IFR
- Certificate of Authorization: NA
- Airspace Class: D
- A/C Location F/R/D: NA
- A/C Altitude: NA
- A/C Heading: NA
- Relative Clock Position: NA
- UAS Registration #: NA
- UAS Longitude: NA
- UAS Latitude: NA
- UAS Type: NA
- UAS Formation: Swarm (Multiple UAS aircraft)
- Closest Proximity (feet): NA
- UAS Weight Exceeds 55lbs: No
- UAS Dimensions (feet): NA
- UAS Fixed Wing/Rotorcraft: NA
- UAS Activity Risk: NA
- UAS Color: NA
- Pilot Reported as NMAC: No
- TCAS RA: No

- Law Enforcement Contact Info: NA
- Summary: FFO ATCT supervisor called ZID OMIC and advised they observed multiple radar targets on the D-Brite ranging from approximately 7 to 17 in number within 40 miles of the airport. The supervisor reported that security forces on the ground confirmed that the observed targets were drones and advised that the Riverside Police Department was notified at 937-233-1801. The DEN was notified by FFO ATCT. ZID WSIC notified CMH APCH of the reported activity. FFO ATCT advised that the targets were still occurring at approximately 0445Z.
- QA Findings: Reviewed MOR Summary and Falcon for a UAS report. UAS Lat/Long position is unavailable. M Taber 12/17/2024

Event #4 - 12/17/2024 18:08Z

Reported to DEN from CMH ATCT

Remarks from SKYWATCH: Aircraft observed a silver UAS off the right side while E bound at 3,200 feet, 5NM SE of FFO. No evasive action was taken. PD notified at 937-562-4800. AWO notified.

MOR Filed - Summary from CEDAR via SKYWATCH: reported seeing a UAS aprox 5 SE of FFO. Unknown type, silver color, at 3200'. Was not a factor. Greene Co Sherriff 937-562-4800

Here is the CEDAR MOR information attached to this correspondence.

MOR ID: 849272848

Facility: CMH

• Event Date: 2024-12-17T18:01:00.000Z

UTC Time: 6:01

UTC Time 24 HR Format: 18:01Calendar Date: 17-Dec-24

Nearest Airport: NA

• METAR: KCCR 171753Z 03003KT 1SM BR OVC003 08/08 A3039 RMK AO2 SLP278 T00830083

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Potentially Significant: No

- Callsign: (b)(3) 10 l
- A/C Type:
- IFR / IVR: IFR
- Certificate of Authorization: NA
- Airspace Class: E
- A/C Location F/R/D: FFO140005
- A/C Altitude: 32A/C Heading: 70
- Relative Clock Position: 2
- UAS Registration #: NA
- UAS Longitude: -83.9695
- UAS Latitude: 39.7547
- UAS Type: NA
- UAS Formation: N/A
- Closest Proximity (feet): NA
- UAS Weight Exceeds 55lbs: No
- UAS Dimensions (feet): NA
- UAS Fixed Wing/Rotorcraft: NA
- UAS Activity Risk: NA
- UAS Color: SILVER
- Pilot Reported as NMAC: No
- TCAS RA: No
- Law Enforcement Contact Info: NA
- Summary: reported seeing a UAS aprox 5 SE of FFO. Unknown type, silver color, at 3200'. Was not a factor. Greene Co Sherriff 937-562-4800
- QA Findings: Reviewed MOR Summary and Falcon for a UAS report. UAS Lat: 39.7547 Long: -83.9695 entered by QA is approximate based on either time and/or altitude of the event. M Taber 12/17/2024

Event #5 - 12/19/2024 18:45Z

Reported to DEN from CMH ATCT

This aircraft appears to be on a round robin flight from/to FFO

Remarks from SKYWATCH: Aircraft observed a black cube-shaped UAS below while W bound at 16,000 feet, 5NM W of APE. No evasive action was taken. PD notified at 740-670-5555. AWO notified.

MOR Filed - Summary from CEDAR via SKYWATCH: reported a drone passing beneath them by about 500 ft. The was at 16,000'. They described it as a black cube. No other information given.

Here is the CEDAR MOR information attached to this correspondence.

MOR ID: 765193369

Facility: CMH

Event Date: 2024-12-19T18:35:00.000Z

UTC Time: 6:35

UTC Time 24 HR Format: 18:35

Calendar Date: 19-Dec-24

Nearest Airport: NA

METAR: NA

Potentially Significant: No

• Callsign: (b)(3) 10 USC 130e

A/C Type:

• IFR / IVR: IFR

Certificate of Authorization: NA

Airspace Class: E

A/C Location F/R/D: APE275009

A/C Altitude: 160A/C Heading: 280

Relative Clock Position: NA

UAS Registration #: NA

UAS Longitude: -82.7987

UAS Latitude: 40.1624

UAS Type: NA

• UAS Formation: NA

- Closest Proximity (feet): 500
- UAS Weight Exceeds 55lbs: No
- UAS Dimensions (feet): NA
- UAS Fixed Wing/Rotorcraft: NA
- UAS Activity Risk: NA
- UAS Color: BLACK
- Pilot Reported as NMAC: No
- TCAS RA: No
- Law Enforcement Contact Info: NA
- Summary: reported a drone passing beneath them by about 500 ft. The was at 16,000'. They described it as a black cube. No other information given.
- QA Findings: Reviewed MOR Summary and Falcon for a UAS report. UAS Lat: 40.1624 Long: -82.7987 entered by QA is approximate based on either time and/or altitude of the event. M Taber 12/20/2024