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

Mission Readiness Services

800 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, DC 20591

October 22, 2026

John Greenewald
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Castaic, CA 91384

Dear John Greenewald:

Subject: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request 2026-05893

This is an Air Traffic Organization, Mission Readiness Services, Western Service Center, partial no-records response to your FOIA request received by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on September 10, 2026, made under the provisions of Title 5 United States Code, Section 552 (5 U.S.C. § 552). You requested records regarding drone and balloon activity at San Diego Airport Traffic Control Tower (SAN) on September 4, 2026.

A search for records was conducted at SAN and by the Quality Control Group (QCG). The search revealed the following responsive records, which are contained on the enclosed compact disc:

SAN

- Audio re-recording from the Ground Control position, dated September 4, 2026
- Audio re-recording from the Local Control position, dated September 4, 2026

QCG

- Two Mandatory Occurrence Reports

Please be advised that voice recordings have an encoded time source on the right channel and can be listened to on any media player by adjusting the balance to the full left position.

No records were found responsive to that portion of your request that sought transcripts, facility logs, decisional documents, and FAA coordination with San Diego International Airport and/or law enforcement, because the FAA did not create, maintain, or control these records.

There is no charge for this request because, under the "Media" fee category, you were not charged for search and review time, or for duplication fees for fewer than 100 pages.

The undersigned is responsible for this partial no-records 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 Administration and Finance, AFO-1
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Avenue, SW.
Washington, DC 20591

The appeal must be made in writing within 90 days from the date of receipt of this letter. The appeal letter, the envelope, and the email subject line should be clearly marked "FOIA Appeal." The request must also include your assigned FOIA tracking number.

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:

National Archives and Records Administration
Office of Government Information Services
8601 Adelphi Road, Room 2510
College Park, Maryland 20740-6001
Phone: 202-741-5770, Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448
Email: ogis@nara.gov

Sincerely,

Terry L Rhea

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Air Traffic Organization

Enclosure(s)

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