



U.S. Department of Homeland Security
UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE

Washington, D.C. 20223

September 6, 2024

John Monaghan

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Re: Freedom of Information Act Appeal – File Number 20241102

Dear Mr. Monaghan:

I am writing in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeal regarding the above referenced file.

In your FOIA request, you sought 13 different categories of records, many of which relate to the events in Butler, Pennsylvania on July 13, 2024. In response, the agency's FOIA office informed you that responsive records had been located, but that these records were exempt from disclosure pursuant to Title 5 U.S.C. section 552(b)(7)(A). Exemption (b)(7)(A) allows federal agencies to withhold records from release if their disclosure could "reasonably be expected to interfere" with law enforcement proceedings.

On appeal, you challenged the use of Exemption (b)(7)(A) as a justification for withholding the responsive records. To address your appeal, the agency again reviewed the circumstances surrounding the responsive material. Based on this review, we have determined that while some of the records in question were properly withheld pursuant to (b)(7)(A), not all the responsive material should have been withheld under this exemption.

Accordingly, we have remanded your request back to the agency's FOIA office for further review and processing. That office will respond to you directly after completing this additional review.

I am required to advise you that this decision is subject to judicial review in federal court. This review may occur where the complainant resides, has a principal place of business, where the agency records are situated, or in the District of Columbia.

Sincerely,

Vincent A. Tutoni
Acting Deputy Director