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Dear (b) (6)

I hereby acknowledge receipt of your February 18, 2016 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeal in both your own name and in the name of four other Naval Station Newport personnel (all five of whom made identical FOIA requests) received in this office on February 25, 2016 via the Office of the Judge Advocate General. As all five requesters/appellants signed the appeal, this office will consider this a single appeal applicable to all five FOIA requests, and this office will provide a single appellate response to this appeal. Your appeal will be processed in the order received.

Please be advised that, under U.S. Navy regulations, the administrative appellate authority (in this case, the Navy Deputy General Counsel) is allowed 20 working days from receipt of your appeal to make a final administrative decision concerning the appeal. If the Deputy General Counsel has been unable to take final action on your appeal within the 20 working days permitted by statute and regulation, then you may "consider [your] administrative remedies exhausted." However, you may prefer to "await a substantive response," which would not "prejudice [your] right to a judicial remedy."

Sincerely,

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Assistant to the General Counsel (FOIA)

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