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[2020-007330 Final Response.doc](#)

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Doesn't surprise me that there are no responsive records to identify the custody chain/ownership of any of our UAP videos.

Having said that, (b) (5) [NAVAIR](#) was the release authority for the public release of all 3 videos in response to the earlier FOIA?

Regards,

Joe

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Subject: FW: DON-NAVY-2020-007330

Good Afternoon,

This is in reference to a FOIA request we received for records "regarding the history and custody of the videos described as video of two F-18 Hornets tracking an unidentified Flying Object (UFO) in the AFOSI File number 3290517356125 (see attached for reference)".

During our search for records, we discovered that the video(s) history and custody did not fall under our cognizance. After consulting with CSG-8, they conducted a search and provided a No Records response below. Please let us know if you concur with our final response to requester.

Thank you!

V/R,

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Ma'am,

I am the IDA for (b) (6). Our Staff, CVW-1, and VFA-11 were not able to locate any records responsive to the request.

Let me know if you need any other information.

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LCDR,

I thought I would check I to see if you were able to confirm if CSG-8 had responsive records on this request or if you could provide a POC for the CSG-8 FOIA Office, we would greatly appreciate it.

Thank you!

V/R

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LCDR (b) (6)

I believe the requester is looking for information on the “Gimbal” video which was obtained from VFA-11. If you can confirm that CSG-8 has no responsive records or a POC for the CSG-8 FOIA Office, I would greatly appreciate it.

Thank you!

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Ma'am,

Good morning - from your emails below I am tracking the following request:

Records "regarding the history and custody of the videos described as video of two F-18 Hornets tracking an unidentified Flying Object (UFO) in the AFOSI File number 3290517356125 (see attached for reference)"

If there is anything else you need, please let me know and I will coordinate with the CVW-1 and VFA-11 to get you a formal response.

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All:

LCDR (b) (6), copied above, is the (b) (6) for CSG-8. As he just returned from an extended deployment yesterday, he may not yet be up on email. (b) (6) is the best POC at CSG-8 for FOIA questions.

V/r,

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Good Afternoon,

This FOIA request is for records "regarding the history and custody of the videos described as video of two F-18 Hornets tracking an unidentified Flying Object (UFO) in the AFOSI File number 3290517356125 (see attached for reference)". I believe that is the "Gimbal" video which was obtained from VFA-11.

If you can confirm that CSG-8 has no responsive records or a POC for the CSG-8 FOIA Office, I would greatly appreciate it.

Thank you all for your assistance!

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On the east coast, CSGs provide all the “legal” care and feeding for their subordinate units. So CSG-8 would serve as FOIA IDA for VFA-11. I can’t speak for CNAP concerning VFA-41.

Adding C2F JAG for SA as the east coast CSGs fall under C2F.

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Thanks. We (N2N6, ONI, and NAVAIR) are very familiar with the videos, having received numerous FOIA requests for them and all things UAP, UFO and AATIP. NAVAIR coordinated the release/posting with all of us.

Now that the UFO authors have (b) (5) the videos themselves, they are now asking for documents that would have accompanied their transfer to ONI. This is based on assumption that there was a formal process in place that resulted in them being the custodians. There was not.

(b) (5)

We are now identifying to whom the FOIA requests for these requests should go. I have already forgotten from my CSG and AIRLANT days which entity would serve as the IDA, but we no it is not us. We are pretty sure there will be no responsive records.

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The videos are posted on the NAVAIR FOIA Reading Room page (it's linked to there from the DoD Press Release about the publishing of the videos). DoD Press Release containing the link is called "Statement by Department of Defense on the Release of Historical Navy Videos" from April 27, 2020.

VFA-41 is assigned to CVW-9, which appears to be attached to CSG-3...west coast.
VFA-11 is assigned to CVW-1, which falls under CSG-8...east coast.

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(b) (6),

A few points to which I invite your attention.

1. I know the appropriate FOIA is not N2N6, which is all that matters to me.
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3. As for records pertaining to the videos, my experience tells me that there will be no records.

4. I have cced the JAGs from CNIC, AIRFOR and AIRLANT for their SA.

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Mr. Gradisher,

We are the OCA of the information not the videos, so we need to refer this FOIA request to the appropriate FOIA Office for processing. I looked up VFA -11 and VFA-41 and they fall under CNIC. I will contact them

Thank you!

V/R

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(b) (6)

I checked with Jay Stratton to get the background at how the videos ended up there at PAX.

My back and forth with him is attached.

It looks like the videos were passed from the squadron and/or fleet level through him and on to PAX

(b) (5)

All via classified networks, from the looks of it.

Does that provide what you need?

Regards,

Joe

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Mr. Gradisher,

We have received the attached FOIA Request and need your assistance. The request is asking for records regarding the history and custody of the UAP videos. I checked with our Program Office and was informed the squadron/fleet does not fall under our cognizance. Do you know what squadron/fleet the videos were under? Who should I refer this FOIA request to?

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investigated by the AFOSI in 2018 and the report mentions the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division as being in possession of those videos.

Thank you!

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