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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.

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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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All:

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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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!

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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

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All via classified networks, from the looks of it.

Does that provide what you need?

Regards,

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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?

DON-NAVY-2020-007330 - All information and records including (but not limited to) reports, correspondence, queries, documents, letters, messages 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 file for reference). The release of this video was investigated by the AFOSI in 2018 and the report mentions the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division as being in possession of those videos.

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