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FOIA Officer Selective Service System National Headquarters Arlington, VA 22209-2425

(by e-mail to <Information@sss.gov>)

## **FOIA REQUEST**

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## Dear FOIA Officer:

This is a request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552.

I request access to and copies of the following records of the Selective Service System:

- (1) The most recent version of the Registrant Integrated Processing System (RIPS) Manual.
- (2) The most recent version of the Health Care Personnel Delivery System (HCPDS) Manual.
- (3) The most recent version of any proposed, contemplated, standby, or "contingency planning" changes or additions to or replacements for regulations of the Selective Service System, including but not limited to the regulations currently in 32 CFR Chapter XII and any regulations for the HCPDS.

I request that all responsive records be provided in text-searchable, unencrypted electronic form, and that any records held in the form of digital files be provided in the format in which they are held, which each responsive file provided as a discrete file with the same format, file name, and metadata.

As a representative of the news media I am only required to pay for the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages of paper records, or cost equivalent for copies of electronic records. Through this request, I am gathering information on Selective Service System plans and preparations for a draft and how it would operate.

I am an award-winning freelance journalist, and the publisher of an informational Web site at <a href="https://resisters.info">https://resisters.info</a>> which is one of the most comprehensive and widely consulted sources of news, analysis, and background and reference information – including responses to my previous FOIA requests to Federal agencies and reporting, analysis, and commentary based on this information and other sources – about the Selective Service System and the issues of the draft and draft registration. The information obtained in response to this request will be made available to the public through publication of significant records on the Web, along with reporting, analysis, and commentary informed by the records released in response to this request.

Please waive any applicable fees. Release of the information is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities.

Understanding Selective Service System plans how a draft would operate is essential to informed Congressional debate, informed public engagement with Congress, and informed preparation by the public for the possibility of a draft. Once a draft is authorized by Congress, those potentially subject to a draft may have little time to plan and prepare how to respond and what to do.

I have no commercial interest in this information. My reporting on this issue, while carried out in my capacity as a professional journalist, has been unpaid and not undertaken for profit.

If this request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal the adequacy of the search for responsive records or your decision to withhold any information, to deny a waiver of fees, or to deny expedited processing.

Please respond as soon as possible to confirm your receipt of this request and to advise the reference number assigned to this request and the expected date of completion of action with respect to this request.

I look forward to your complete reply within 20 working days, as the FOIA statute and the Selective Service System's FOIA regulations require.

To avoid unnecessary delays, please contact me immediately by telephone at  $\pm 1-415-824-0214$  in San Francisco should you have any questions regarding this request.

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