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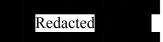
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## Dear Sai:

This letter is an interim response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, request dated March 7, 2013, and received by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) on March 15, 2013, in which you described an incident that occurred at the checkpoint screening area in San Francisco Airport on March 1, 2013, and requested copies of:

- 1. all surveillance video from March 1, 2013, between 9:30 pm and midnight which covers yourself, any of the six named TSA/Covenant agents in your letter, or the Boarding Area C security area;
- 2. any and all reports related to the event, such as TSA Incident Reports or the like;
- 3. any and all notes, correspondence, communications, etc., relating to the incident by any parties, witnesses, etc.;
- 4. any and all history of complaints against the six TSA/Covenant agents named in your letter;
- 5. any and all history of similar complaints against any TSA, Covenant, or San Francisco Airport agent;
- 6. any and all records of your x--ray baggage screening, to include images directly recorded by the baggage x--ray screener, surveillance tapes capturing images of the screener's monitors, manual or automated notes on its clearance status, and any other communications or records of any form that would indicate screening results, whether anything looked suspicious on x--ray (and if yes, what), etc.;
- 7. any and all records related to you held by any relevant parties; and
- 8. any and all documents and communications related to responding to this request, whether internal or external.

Your request is being processed pursuant to the FOIA and Privacy Act (PA), 5 U.S.C. § 552 and 5 U.S.C. § 552(a), respectively. A reasonable search within the relevant offices of the TSA was conducted and responsive information was located. Two videos from the San Francisco International Airport and 72 pages of documents have been reviewed and are being released to you in full. The two videos are being sent via mail to you at 4023 Kennett Pike, #54514, Wilmington, DE 19807.

With respect to Item 6, there are no responsive records as TSA's checkpoint screening process does not require retention of x-ray images or automated notes related to the images. Also, a review of the incident report and witness statements associated with your checkpoint experience also fail to mention x-ray images of your baggage.

With respect to Item 7, you were advised by letter dated March 25, 2013 that the portion of your request for "any and all records related to me held by any Relevant Parties" was overly broad and requested to provide a reasonable description of the records you were seeking in order for us to conduct a search for the documents. Pursuant to Department of Homeland Security regulations (6 CFR § 5.3(b)), requests should include specific information about each record sought, such as the date, title or name, author, recipients, and subject matter of the records, if known, or the DHS component or office you believe created and/or controls the record. As of this date we have not received this information from you and will initiate a search for records once it is received.

The FOIA Branch continues to process this request and will make additional releases to you in a timely manner.

## <u>Fees</u>

There are no fees associated with the processing of your request.

## Administrative Appeal

As TSA's response to this request is currently the subject of litigation the administrative appeal rights normally associated with a FOIA request response are not being provided.

If you have any questions pertaining to your request, please feel free to contact the FOIA Branch at 1-866-364-2872 or locally at 571-227-2300.

Sincerely,

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**Acting FOIA Branch Officers** 

Enclosures