



March 30, 2020

Edward Hasbrouck  
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*Via email to [edward@hasbrouck.org](mailto:edward@hasbrouck.org)*

Dear Mr. Hasbrouck:

The National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service (the Commission) received your appeal dated March 13, 2020, requesting expedited processing for the release of records for your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests 2018-SP-01, 2018-SP-03, 2019-CP-01, 2019-SP-01, and 2020-SP-08. For the reasons set forth in this letter, the Commission denies your appeal.

Section 552(a)(6)(E) of the Freedom of Information Act requires agencies to promulgate regulations permitting for expedited processing when the requester “demonstrates a compelling need” and “in other cases determined by the agency.” The Commission’s regulations describe three situations in which expedited processing may be granted to a FOIA requester. *See* 1 CFR 426.205(c)(1-3). You have requested expedited processing under one of these situations, which applies “to a request made by a person primarily engaged in dissemination information” when “there is an urgency to inform the public about actual or alleged Federal Government activity.” You claim that “the public needs to know about the Commission’s activities, to enable informed public participation in, and engagement with, Congressional debate.”

Your request for expedited processing of these request is denied because the public already has access to the sufficient information regarding the Commission’s activities. As you know, earlier this month, the Commission made available to the public as well as to Congress its final report. The final report, available on the Commission’s website ([www.inspire2serve.gov](http://www.inspire2serve.gov)), includes a wealth of information about the Commission’s research, recommendations, findings, and activities. The Commission has also made available a significant number of records generated during the preceding two and a half years of its existence. Based on the availability of all this information, I do not perceive a need for expedited processing of outstanding records.

If you have any questions about this response or the FOIA process in general, please contact our FOIA Public Liaison, Katie McSheffrey, at [katie.c.mcsheffrey@inspire2serve.gov](mailto:katie.c.mcsheffrey@inspire2serve.gov). You have the right to seek judicial review by filing a lawsuit in the district court of the United States in the district in which you reside, your principal place of business, the Eastern District of Virginia, or in the District of Columbia. You may also seek dispute resolution services, which are offered by the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at National Archives and Records Administration. You can learn more about these services at <https://www.archives.gov/ogis/mediation-program> or by contacting OGIS at:

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Thank you for your interest in the Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph Heck", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joseph Heck  
Chairman