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Via email to edward@hasbrouck.org

Dear Mr. Hasbrouck,

This message is a response to your letter of February 28, 2020, requesting expedited processing of the National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service to outstanding records under requests 2018-SP-01, 2018-SP-03, 2019-CP-01, 2019-SP-01, and 2020-SP-08.

You have asked for expedited processing because you are “engaged in disseminating information to the public as a writer and journalist” and “[t]here is an urgency to inform the public about Federal Government activity.” This request has been denied, because it does not meet any of the statutory or regulatory requirements for an expedited request. Generally, without a risk to public safety, individual liberty, or other pressing need, requests will be processed through the Commission’s standard process. The Commission does not identify a pressing need, because there is no legally recognizable interest that would be compromised by processing your request through the standard process. The Commission has been charged with making recommendations and does not possess independent law-making authority. As a consequence, to the extent Congress may consider any recommendation made by the Commission, it will be members of Congress, not the Commission, that have the capacity to consider the Commission’s recommendations for possible legislative action. Moreover, much of the information you have requested has been or will be made publicly available on the Commission’s website, and as a small agency with limited staff, the Commission is moving as expeditiously as possible.

If you would like to appeal this decision, you must send a written request within 90 days of the date of this notice. The appeal request should be clearly marked with the words “FOIA Appeal” and may be sent to the Commission’s email, FOIA@inspire2serve.gov; the Commission’s website, www.inspire2serve.gov; or to the FOIA Appeals, National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service, 2530 Crystal Drive, Suite 1000, Box No. 63, Arlington, VA 22202. For more information about the appeals process, please see our FOIA regulations; these can be found on the Commission’s website.

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. 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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Sincerely,

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