



June 6, 2018

Edward Hasbrouck
1130 Treat Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94110

Dear Mr. Hasbrouck:

The National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service (NCMNPS or the “Commission”) received your appeal related to FOIA request 2018-SP-01 on May 9, 2018. You asked for reconsideration of the Chief FOIA Officer’s determination that the request should not receive expedited processing. For the reasons set out in this letter, I have determined that the information provided by you does not support expedited processing of your FOIA request.

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 requested records are urgently needed to enable the public and representatives of the news media to attend future Commission meetings that may occur during the pendency of the Commission’s response to your FOIA request. As you may know, on April 13, 2018, the Commission posted a schedule of future meetings on its website. The Commission followed up on May 3, 2018—the day prior to your initial FOIA request—with details about public meetings to be held in May, which I understand you attended in person. As the Commission has informed the public about upcoming meetings and intends to continue doing so, your requests for historical Commission records and records relating to future events do not set forth a compelling need for expedited processing.

As set forth in the Commission’s regulations, you may appeal this denial of expedited processing through judicial review or through dispute resolution services, which are offered by the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the 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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I have directed the staff to complete the response to your FOIA request under the standard process, and you should receive the response by June 1, 2018. Thank you for your interest in the Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph Heck". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Joseph Heck
Chairman