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 (SSS):

1. Any reports, reviews, assessments, and/or plans for exercises or activities prepared, conducted, or to be conducted pursuant to Section 527 of Public Law 117–81, “‘National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022’”, including any internal SSS reports and any reports, reviews, or assessments communicated by the SSS to the Department of Defense.

2. Any reports prepared pursuant to Section 529(a) of Public Law 117–81, “‘National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022’”.

3. All agendas for meetings of the SSS Data Governance Board and/or Data Integrity Board, as appointed pursuant to SSS Headquarters Order 20-02 and/or any superseding order.

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4. All minutes of meetings of the SSS Data Governance Board and/or Data Integrity Board.

5. All reports produced by the SSS Data Governance Board and/or Data Integrity Board.

6. Any of the following records, to the extent created since the SSS response to my FOIA request FOIA 22-12 or not previously produced in response to that request, with respect to any current data matching agreement between the SSS and any other agency or entity, governmental or nongovernmental, including but not limited to each program listed in the most recent Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) for the Registration, Compliance and Verification (RCV) System and the databases of MOUs and agreements referenced in Headquarters Orders 8-12 and 700-6:

   (a) The entirety of the MOU or agreement;
   (b) The most recent cost-benefit analysis with respect to the agreement;
   (c) The most recent review of the agreement by the Data Integrity Board;
   (d) The most recent Privacy Impact Assessment with respect to the agreement;
   (e) The most recent computer matching report submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and Congress pursuant to the Computer Matching Act.

7. Any records of the numbers of names of individuals referred by the SSS to the Department of Justice (DOJ) for investigation of possible violations of the Military Selective Service Act in each calendar or Federal government fiscal year since 2010.

8. Any records of communications by the SSS to the DOJ since 2010 concerning actions to be considered or taken with respect to possible violations of the Military Selective Service Act.

    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 the file held on an SSS or cloud service provider workstation, fileserver, device, or storage media.

    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 <https://resisters.info> 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 the Selective Service System and other 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.

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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 operations and plans is essential to informed Congressional debate and informed public engagement with Congress concerning legislation under active consideration by Congress concerning possible abolition of, or enlargement of, the SSS.

Many of these records concern how the Selective Service System uses personal information, for what purposes it shares or exchanges what personal information with what other governmental and nongovernmental entities, and whether or how these activities comply with relevant privacy, data protection, and oversight mandates. Public understanding of these practices is essential to public confidence in the system and to public and Congressional debate and oversight of these practices.

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 +1-415-824-0214 in San Francisco should you have any questions regarding this request.

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