



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS AIR MOBILITY COMMAND (AMC)

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Mr. Ralph Begleiter
University of Delaware
250 Pearson Hall
Newark DE 10716-2534

Dear Mr. Begleiter

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests dated 23 April, 3 May (2 letters), 10 June, 22 July, 4 August, 6 September, and 7 October 2004 in which you request the following:

- Copies of all photographs, videos, and any other media containing images of caskets holding the remains of US military personnel taken by DoD personnel or DoD contractors received at Dover Air Force Base since Mr. Russ Kick's December 2003 FOIA request, including but not limited to the materials already provided by our office to Mr. Kick in response to his FOIA request.
- All photographs of caskets containing the remains of US military personnel received at any US military facility between 7 October 2001 and the present.

The photographs, which are responsive to your 23 April 2004 request, are being provided on a CD.

To protect the privacy interests of the families and individuals involved and to minimize the possibility that release may rekindle grief, anguish, pain, embarrassment, or disrupt the peace of mind of surviving family members, we removed all personally identifying information of the remains or other individuals depicted in the photos. Due to recent events and increased risk to personnel, military and civilian, the Department of Defense has revised its policy and will no longer release names of personnel or other personally identifying information, e.g., name tags of personnel currently or recently assigned with a particular component, unit, organization or office within the Department of Defense. Release would jeopardize the safety of personnel assigned as well as constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Authority is the Freedom of Information Act, United States Code, Title 5, Section 552(b)(6).

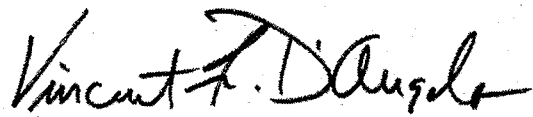
You also requested identifying information that may accompany these images, such as research finding aids, indexes, captions, dates, logs, and records management materials. Responsive records consist of an e-mail from the 436 CS FOIA Manager dated 27 May 2004, which we have also attached. We have removed third party personal information from this e-mail (names). Our authority is Title 5, United States Code, Section 552(b)(6).

A thorough search of Air Mobility Command records has failed to locate any records responsive to your requests dated 3 May, 10 June, 4 August, 22 July, 6 September, and 7 October 2004.

If you desire to appeal our decision, please write to the Secretary of the Air Force, through HQ AMC/A63BR (FOIA), 203 W. Losey Street, Room 3600, Scott AFB IL 62225-5223, within 60 calendar days from the date of this letter. Include your reasons for reconsideration and attach a copy of this letter.

Fees are waived in this instance. HQ Air Mobility Command FOIA point of contact is Ms. Dottie Lanctot at (618) 229-5710 or e-mail to amca6.a63br@scott.af.mil.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vincent F. D'Angelo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "V".

VINCENT F. D'ANGELO, Colonel, USAF
Chief, Operational Systems Management Division

2 Attachments:

1. Releasable Portions of Requested Photographs
2. E-mail from 436 CS FOIA Manager dated 27 May 2004

-----Original Message-----

From: 436 CS/FOIA 436 CS/SCXD
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2004 1:54 PM
To: [] AMC/A63B
Subject: FW: Photos

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Base Records Manager
Comm (302) 677-3642
DSN 445-3642
FAX (302) 677-4009

-----Original Message-----

From: [] 436 CS/SCBV
Sent: Friday, April 23, 2004 12:14 PM
To: [] 436 CS/SCXD
Subject: RE: Photos

Photos:

030205-F-1663P-001 (photographer [] thru 062 and 030205-F-3958S-001 thru 085 (photographer [] from the Space Shuttle Columbia disaster approximately 7 remains photographed on 5 February 2003.

DSC0017,0018,0033,0034,0036,0038,0040,0041,0042,0043 (photographer [] remains from Iraq photographed on 25 March 2003 at 0500.

DSC 0093 thru 0160b (photographer [] remains from Iraq photographed on 25 March 2003 at 1700.

DSC 0160 thru 0215 (photographer [] remains from Iraq photographed on 25 March 2003 at 0500.

DSC 0284 thru 0345 (photographer [] remains from Iraq photographed on 25 March 2003 at 1700.

DSC 0379 thru 0420 (photographer [] remains from Iraq photographed on 25 March 2003 at 0130.

DSC 0808 and 0808-1 (photographer remains from Iraq photographed on

Hr001_js thru hr_046_js (photographer [] remains from Iraq photographed on 17 November 2003 at 2105

Hr_knr_002 thru hr_knr_033 (photographer [] remains from Iraq photographed on 17 November 2003 at 2105

RET1 thru RET13 (photographer [] remains from Iraq

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-----Original Message-----

From: [] J436 CS/SCXD
Sent: Friday, April 23, 2004 8:14 AM
To: [] J436 CS/SCBV
Subject: FW: Photos

Thanks []

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Wing Records/FOIA Manager
DSN 445-3642
FAX 445-4009

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-----Original Message-----

From: [] JAMC/A63B
Sent: Thursday, April 22, 2004 2:43 PM
To: [] J436 CS/SCXD
Subject: Photos

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Please ask your people to provide as best they can, by photograph number, country where remains were on loaded, number of remains, and the date the photographs were taken. Any questions, let me know.

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