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SAF/AII
1000 Air Force Pentagon
Washington, DC 20330-1000

FOIA Request

Dear FOIA Officer:

Please process this request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552.

I request a complete and unredacted printout or export of:

1. The epidemiological health surveys for the former George Air Force Base, CA, "EPA Superfund ID: CA2570024453"
2. The environmental health surveys for the former George Air Force Base, CA, "EPA Superfund ID: CA2570024453"
 - a. This request is not meant to be exclusive of any other records that, although not specifically requested, have a reasonable relationship to the subject matter of this request. If you, or your office(s), have destroyed or decide to withhold any documents that could be reasonably construed to be responsive to this request, I ask that you indicate this fact and the reasons in your response.
3. Please forward this FOIA request to all MAJCOMs
4. If the "epidemiological, environmental health surveys" for the former George were retired to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) please indicate what NARA facility the records were retired to.

In order to help you locate the request records I am including a copy of the George AFB/NARA request to destroy the "epidemiological, environmental health surveys" for the former George Air Force Base, CA, "EPA Superfund ID: CA2570024453," dated 9 November 1991.

The George AFB/NARA request states that copies were retained at the MAJCOMs.
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A copy of the complete report is at: <http://www.docs.georgeafb.info/air-force/af-nara-epidemiological-environmental-health-surveys-28oct1991.pdf>

“Public Interest Fee Waiver”

I also request that, if appropriate, fees be waived because I believe this request is in the public interest and I have NO commercial interest and the requested records.

I am researching the environmental contamination at the former George Air Force Base, CA, “EPA Superfund ID: CA2570024453.” The requested documents are necessary to determine if a Completed Exposure Pathway(s) (CEP) existed or exist at George AFB and the surrounding community. If a Completed Exposure Pathway(s) can be established the records will be used to petition the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) for new Public Health Assessment for George AFB so our friends and families can get medical care and help bring closure to the families who lost their loved ones.

The primary mission of GeorgeAFB.Info, which is the outreach to the hundreds, possibly thousands of people who were potentially injured by the toxic contamination that was at George AFB. The large number of page views, the hundreds of “Self-Reported Health Problems”; dozens of personal accounts about miscarriages, stillbirths, birth defects, and childhood cancers at George AFB demonstrate the successful outreach of GeorgeAFB.Info.

In the event that fees cannot be waived, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not. If I am denied a “Public Interest Fee Waiver,” I will pay "under protest" and I expressly reserve my rights to appeal your decision.

In closing, I would like to remind you of President Obama’s “Presidential Memorandum For Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies.”

“SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Act

The Government should not keep information confidential merely because public officials might be embarrassed by disclosure, because errors and failures might be revealed, or because of speculative or abstract fears. Nondisclosure should never be based on an effort to protect the personal interests of Government officials at the expense of those they are supposed to serve.”

I look forward to receiving the complete and unredacted documents within twenty (20) business days. If you wish to discuss this request, please do not hesitate to contact me at [REDACTED].

Thank you for processing this FOIA request.

Sincerely,

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Frank Vera III

Date

Physical address: [REDACTED]

Enclosure:

Page 3 – George AFB’s request to destroy the “epidemiological, environmental health surveys”
Page 4 - President Obama’s “Presidential Memorandum For Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies.”

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FILES MAINTENANCE AND DISPOSITION PLAN

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ITEM	TITLE	DESTRUCTION DATES		DISPOSITION
355	MEDICAL BOARD PROCEEDINGS	1 YR	JAN 92 ⁹³ - JAN 94	T160-02 R03.00
356	LAB LEDGERS AND LOGS	2 YR	JAN 92 ⁹³ - JAN 95	T160-03 R02.00
357	SOBRIETY EXAM RESULTS	2 YR	JAN 92 ⁹³ - JAN 95	T160-05 R13.00
358	X-RAYS OF UNUSUAL INTEREST OR SELECTED FOR TEACHING PURPOSES	5 YR	JAN 92 - JAN 98	T160-04 R11.00
359	ROSTERS, RANDOM SELECTION RECORDS & RELATED INFORMATION	3 MO	UP TO MAR 93 ✓	T160-07 R01.00
360	AEROSPACE MEDICINE REPORTS	2 YR	JAN 92 ⁹⁴ - JAN 95	T161-01 R01.00
361	APPLICATION FOR AIRMAN MED CERTIFICATE, REPORT OF MED EXAM	2 YR	JAN 92 - JAN 95	T161-01 R04.00
362	MEDICAL RECOMMENDATION FOR FLYING/SPECIAL OPS - AF FORM 1042	5 YR	JAN 92 ⁹³ - JAN 98	T161-01 R05.00
363	EPIDEMIOLOGICAL, ENVIRONMENTAL, HEALTH SURVEYS - AT MAJCOMs	1 YR	JAN 92 - JAN 94	T161-05 R03.00
364	FACILITY MEDICAL INSPECTION REPORTS	1 YR	 JAN 94	T161-05 R04.00
365	FOOD INSPECTION - AF FORM 1148 CLASSES 4 & 8	1 YR	JAN 92 - JAN 94	T161-06 R01.00
366	AF FORMS 2062 & 2063, DD FORMS 1608	1 YR	JAN 92 - JAN 94	T161-06 R05.00
367	FOOD INSPECTION DD FORMS 1740 STAMPS NOT DESTROYED/LOST/STOLEN	1 YR	JAN 92 - JAN 94	T161-06 R06.00
368	FOOD INSPECTION - FRESH DAIRY PRODUCTS	1 YR	JAN 92 - JAN 94	T161-06 R08.00
369	AF FORM 977, FOOD FCLTY SANITATION CHECKLIST - AT MED INSP SERVICE	1 YR	JAN 92 - JAN 94	T161-06 R11.00
370	REPORTS OF FOOD BORNE ILLNESS INVESTIGATIONS	1 YR	JAN 92 - JAN 94	T161-06 R14.00
371	ANIMAL BITES/QUARANTINE (AF FORM 1551) COPY AT ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH	1 YR	 JAN 94	T161-06 R16.00
372	DENTAL ATTENDANCE RECORDS	3 MO	UP TO MAR 93 ✓	T162-02 R02.00

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Act

A democracy requires accountability, and accountability requires transparency. As Justice Louis Brandeis wrote, "sunlight is said to be the best of disinfectants." In our democracy, the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), which encourages accountability through transparency, is the most prominent expression of a profound national commitment to ensuring an open Government. At the heart of that commitment is the idea that accountability is in the interest of the Government and the citizenry alike.

The Freedom of Information Act should be administered with a clear presumption: In the face of doubt, openness prevails. **The Government should not keep information confidential merely because public officials might be embarrassed by disclosure, because errors and failures might be revealed, or because of speculative or abstract fears. Nondisclosure should never be based on an effort to protect the personal interests of Government officials at the expense of those they are supposed to serve.** In responding to requests under the FOIA, executive branch agencies (agencies) should act promptly and in a spirit of cooperation, recognizing that such agencies are servants of the public.

All agencies should adopt a presumption in favor of disclosure, in order to renew their commitment to the principles embodied in FOIA, and to usher in a new era of open Government. The presumption of disclosure should be applied to all decisions involving FOIA.

The presumption of disclosure also means that agencies should take affirmative steps to make information public. They should not wait for specific requests from the public. All agencies should use modern technology to inform citizens about what is known and done by their Government. Disclosure should be timely.

I direct the Attorney General to issue new guidelines governing the FOIA to the heads of executive departments and agencies, reaffirming the commitment to accountability and transparency, and to publish such guidelines in the *Federal Register*. In doing so, the Attorney General should review FOIA reports produced by the agencies under Executive Order 13392 of December 14, 2005. I also direct the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to update guidance to the agencies to increase and improve information dissemination to the public, including through the use of new technologies, and to publish such guidance in the *Federal Register*.

This memorandum does not create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

The Director of the Office of Management and Budget is hereby authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the *Federal Register*.

BARACK OBAMA

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/freedom-information-act>