



**DEPARTMENT OF WAR
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR/JOINT STAFF
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
1155 DEFENSE PENTAGON
WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1155**

Ref: 26-F-2918
September 21, 2026

Mr.

Dear Mr. :

This is a final response to your August 7, 2026 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, a copy of which is enclosed for your convenience. The Office of the Secretary of War/Joint Staff (OSW/JS) FOIA Requester Service Center received your request on August 7, 2026, and assigned it FOIA case number 26-F-2918. We ask that you use this number when referring to your request.

The Office of the Assistant to the Secretary of War for Public Affairs (OASW(PA)), a component of OSW, conducted a search of their records systems based on the information provided in your request. After thorough searches of the electronic records and files of OASW(PA), no records of the kind you described could be identified. We believe that search methods were appropriate and could reasonably be expected to produce the requested records if they existed. However, if you have additional event or file-related information that indicates that we should have such information or that could assist us in conducting a further search for responsive records, please provide that information to us at your earliest convenience.

In this instance, fees for processing your request were below the threshold for requiring payment. Please note that fees may be assessed on future requests.

If you have questions about the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact the Action Officer assigned to your request, Maria Letizia, at maria.m.letizia.ctr@mail.mil or 571-372-0461. Additionally, if you have concerns about service provided by our office, please contact a member of our Leadership Team at 571-372-0498 or Toll Free at 866-574-4970.

Should you wish to inquire about mediation services, you may contact the OSW/JS FOIA Public Liaison, Virginia Burke, by email at osd.mc-alex.odam.mbx.foia-liaison@mail.mil or by phone at 571-372-0462. You may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS
College Park, MD 20740

E-mail: ogis@nara.gov
Telephone: 202-741-5770
Fax: 202-741-5769
Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

You have the right to appeal to the appellate authority, Mr. Michael Kremlacek, Acting Director of Oversight and Compliance, Office of the Director of Administration and Management, Office of the Secretary of War, at: 4800 Mark Center Drive, ATTN: FOIA Appeals, O&CD, Mailbox #24, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700. Your appeal must be postmarked within 90 calendar days of the date of this response. Alternatively, you may email your appeal to osd.mc-alex.odam.mbx.foia-appeals@mail.mil. If you use email, please include the words "FOIA Appeal" in the subject of the email. Please also reference FOIA case number 26-F-2918 in any appeal correspondence.

We appreciate your patience in the processing of your request. As stated previously, please contact the Action Officer assigned to your request, Maria Letizia, and reference FOIA case number 26-F-2918, if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

For Charles C. Marye

Douglas McComb
Acting Chief, FOIA

Enclosure:
As stated

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Requester Details

To modify request details please update your requester profile or contact the our office for assistance.

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General Information

Action Office	OSD-JS FOIA Office
Request Type	FOIA
Requester Category	News Media

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Request Information

This is a request for records under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552.

I request a copy of any public-affairs guidance, social-media activity log, or messaging directive concerning Erika Kirk issued by or within the Department of Defense, from September 1, 2025 to the date this request is processed. To keep this request narrow and minimize search burden, I am not seeking general email correspondence.

If no responsive records exist, I request written confirmation of that fact, including a description of the search conducted.

Description

To minimize processing burden, I am not requesting classified information, sensitive security or law-enforcement methodologies, or private personal information unrelated to official government business. This request seeks records of official government activity only.

If any portion of a responsive record is withheld, please cite the specific FOIA exemption claimed and release all reasonably segregable non-exempt portions, as required by 5 U.S.C. § 552(b).

Please provide responsive records in electronic format (searchable PDF or native file) by email where possible.

I look forward to your determination on this request within the 20 business days provided by 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(A)(i).

Date Range for Record Search:From	08/01/2025
Date Range for Record Search:To	08/07/2026
Description Document	

Fee Information

Willing Amount	\$25
Fee Waiver Requested	Yes
Fee Waiver Request Reason	Fee waiver: I request a waiver of all fees under 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii). Disclosure meets each factor of the public-interest standard: (1) the subject specifically concerns the identifiable government operations, programs, or investigations described in this request; (2) disclosure is meaningfully informative about those operations and how they are conducted; (3) it will contribute to public understanding at large, not merely my own, because I will make the records available to the general public; and (4) it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of how federal authority is exercised and how government programs and investigations are authorized and conducted. This request is not in my commercial interest and is not made for a commercial purpose. If a fee waiver is denied, please notify me before incurring any costs over \$25.

Billing Address

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Other Information

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Expedite Information

Expedite Requested	Yes
Expedite Reason	Expedited processing: I request expedited processing under 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(E) on two grounds. (1) There is an urgency to inform the public about actual or alleged federal government activity, and I am a person primarily engaged in disseminating information: I publish the government records I obtain through a public records docket available to the general public. (2) This request concerns a matter of widespread and exceptional media interest in which there exist possible questions about the government's integrity that affect public confidence. I certify that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.