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Ref: 21-F-0833
April 23, 2021

Mr. John Eakin
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Dear Mr. Eakin:

This is a final response to your April 12, 2021 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, a copy of which is enclosed. We received your request on April 13, 2021, and assigned it FOIA case number 21-F-0833. We ask that you use this number when referring to your request.

Upon coordination with the Army Human Resources Command (AHRC) and the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), it was determined that the request is under the cognizance of the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC). Enclosed is the Memorandum of Agreement between NPRC, AHRC, and DPAA for your reference. As such, we have referred your FOIA request to NPRC for direct response to you. For your convenience, the contact information for the NPRC FOIA Office is provided below:

National Personnel Records Center
1 Archives Drive
St. Louis, Missouri 63138

This action closes your request with this office, and there are no assessable fees associated with this response. If you have any questions or concerns about the foregoing or about the processing of your request, please do not hesitate to contact the Action Officer assigned to your request, Mr. Charles Marye, at charles.c.marye.civ@mail.mil or (571) 372-0407.

Sincerely,

for Pamela Andrews
Stephanie L. Carr
Chief

Enclosures:
As stated

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April 12, 2021

OSD/JS FOIA Requester Service Center
Office of Freedom of Information
1155 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1155

RE: Freedom of Information Request

Dear Sir or Madam;

The following request is submitted under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S. Code § 552.

I have previously filed FOIA requests number 16-F-0955, May 10, 2016; 16-F-0958, May 11, 2016; and 20-F-0416, Dec 18, 2019 requesting the following records:

1. All contracts, contract amendments/modifications, and similar documents pertaining to contracts for digital scanning of U.S. Army Individual Deceased Personnel Files (IDPFs) previously stored at National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) and which were funded by the Defense Personnel Accounting Agency (f/k/a Defense POW/MIA Accounting Office) or other agency on behalf of the DPAA.
2. All documents that identify users/agencies having electronic access to the above described digitally scanned Individual Deceased Personnel Files (IDPFs).
3. Electronic (digital) copies of all World War II era Individual Deceased Personnel Files (IDPF's) a/k/a 293 files and/or "X-files" which exist in any digital or electronic format. Included in this request are any indices, data dictionaries, databases or other documents necessary to properly access the requested IDPF documents.

I have been informed that digitization of these files is now complete and this current request encompasses the balance of the requested files, not previously produced to me.

Where documents exist in multiple electronic formats, delivery in searchable portable document format (.pdf) is preferred and requested.

Delivery of the requested documents may be by file transfer protocol (FTP) or by delivery of portable USB hard drives that I will supply upon request.

I agree to pay all reasonable fees involved in copying these digital files. Please contact me if these fees are expected to exceed \$500.00.

Please immediately provide me with the log number assigned to this request and if you will be able to respond within the time provided by statute. I further request that you contact me by email to discuss expected delivery dates of the requested records.

Sincerely;

/s/ John Eakin
John Eakin

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND,
THE DEFENSE POW/MIA ACCOUNTING AGENCY,
AND
THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION**

I. BACKGROUND

The U.S. Army Human Resources Command (AHRC) and the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) have agreed to allow the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) to scan the Individual Deceased Persons Files (IDPFs) identified in section II of this MOA prior to accessioning. AHRC may need access to reference the IDPFs during the digitization process.

AHRC is the legal custodian of these records and has permanently withdrawn the records from the Washington National Records Center (WNRC). AHRC grants temporary custody of the records to DPAA for the purpose of scanning the IDPFs.

II. PURPOSE

This Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is made between AHRC, DPAA, and NARA to establish procedures for reference requests on the following Army transfers:

1. W092-70A0001A, IDPFs for surnames beginning with M and N,
2. W092-70A0001F, IDPFs for surnames beginning with O and P,
3. W092-70A0001G, IDPFs for surnames beginning with Q and R,
4. W092-70A0001H, IDPFs for surnames beginning with S and T,
5. W092-70A0001I, IDPFs for surnames beginning with U and V, and
6. W092-70A0001J, IDPFs for surnames beginning with W through Z.

This MOA is effective on signature and will remain in effect until all six transfers have been accessioned into the National Archives.

III. REFERENCE PROCEDURE

- a. For requests to AHRC for IDPFs in the transfers listed in section II:
 - i. AHRC will refer the requester to the National Archives, St. Louis. Requests for IDPFs that have not been accessioned will then be forwarded to DPAA. DPAA will then route the IDPF to the onsite scanning team to scan and then send the electronic copy of the IDPF to the National Archives, St. Louis, to provide to the requester.
- b. For requests to the National Archives, St. Louis for IDPFs in the transfers listed in section II:
 - i. The National Archives, St. Louis, will submit requests for IDPFs that have not been accessioned to DPAA. DPAA will then route the IDPF to the onsite scanning team to scan and then send the electronic copy of the IDPF to the National Archives, St. Louis, to provide to the requester.

IV. ACCESSIONING PROCEDURE

DPAA will coordinate with NARA's Research Services so that fully scanned boxes of IDPFs may be accessioned into the National Archives. In order to comply with the reference procedure in section III, DPAA will track which boxes have been accessioned. Each box accessioned into the National Archives will no longer be subject to this MOA.

V. BILLING AND PAYMENT

All pertinent IDPFs have been withdrawn and there will be no additional billing under this MOA.

VI. AUTHORITY

For temporary and permanent records:

USC §2901 note, (Public Law 106-58)
NARA Revolving Fund Authority

For accessioned records:

*31 USC §1535, the Economy Act (For Internal
NARA use ONLY)*

VII. TERMINATION

This MOA may be cancelled by written notification from one agency to the other two on 14 days' notice.

VIII. POINTS OF CONTACT

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National Archives and Records Administration
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IX. APPROVALS

For NARA:

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U.S. Army Records Officer

Date

For DPAA:

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