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Freedom of Information Act Office
FOIA Case: FA-22-0021

Kaylie Flaugher
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Dear Ms. Flaugher:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request sent on March 18, 2022. Your request had been assigned the following tracking number: FA-22-0021.

a. For the period of January 15, 2020, to the date of processing this request. All protocols and/or modification to protocols approved by the U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command (USAMRDC) Animal Care and Use Review Office (ACURO) that involve the use of a weapon—as defined by USAMRDC Policy 84 titled “Animal Research and Medical Training Involving Wounding”—to inflict wounds in dogs, cats, nonhuman primates, and/or marine mammals for the purpose of conducting medical research, development, testing, or evaluation.

b. All photos and videos of animals used in these aforementioned protocols.

After a search for documents responsive to your request using methods which can reasonably be expected to produce the information requested resulted in one record found. The U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command (USAMRDC) determined the record(s) is/are denied because it is currently and properly classified in accordance with Executive Order (EO) 13526. We are withholding the record in full pursuant Title 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1) (“Exemption 1”). Exemption 1 protects from disclosure information that has been deemed classified “under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy” and is “in fact properly classified pursuant to such Executive order.” For more information regarding EO 13526, please visit <https://www.archives.gov/isoo/policy-documents/cnsi-eo.html>.

Because your request has been denied you are advised of your right to appeal this determination to the Secretary of the Army. If you decide to appeal at this time, your appeal must be submitted within 90 days of the date of this notification. In your appeal, you must state the basis for your disagreement with the denial and the justification for the release of information associated with your request for this command. Your appeal should be addressed to: CDR U.S. Army Medical Research

and Development Command, Attention: Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts Office, 810 Schreider Street, Fort Detrick, MD 21702-5000, for forwarding, as appropriate, to the Office of the Secretary of the Army. Please enclose a copy of this response along with your Appeal. To ensure proper processing of any appeal, the letter and the envelope should both bear the notation, "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Should you have any questions regarding this response, please email the USAMRDC FOIA office at usarmy.detrick.medcom-usamrhc.mbx.foia@mail.mil.

Sincerely,

Audricia M. Harris
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