January 7, 2013

Mr. Shawn Musgrave  
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request 2013-1847

Dear Mr. Musgrave:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your January 7 FOIA request for a copy of flight data for all UAV/UAS/drone flights conducted under FAA certificate of waiver or authorizations by government agencies.

Your request has been assigned for action to the following Federal Aviation Administration office:

Flight Standards Service, AFS-1  
800 Independence Avenue SW  
Washington, DC 20591

Contact: Talita Young  
FOIA Coordinator  
Telephone: 202-267-3888

If you wish to inquire as to the status of your request, please contact the assigned FOIA coordinator. Please refer to the above-referenced number on all future correspondence regarding this request.

Your request for a fee waiver is denied as you do not meet the requirements as outlined in Departmental Regulations, 49 CFR Section 7.44(f), as follows: Section (f)(3) - the disclosure of the requested information will not contribute to the understanding of the public at large, as opposed to the individual understanding of the requester or a narrow segment of interested persons.

The undersigned is responsible for this fee waiver denial. You may request reconsideration of this determination by writing to the Assistant Administrator for Finance and Management (AFN-140), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591. Your request must be made in writing within 30 days from the date of receipt of this letter and must include all information and arguments relied upon. Your letter must also state that it is an appeal from the above-described fee waiver denial and include your assigned FOIA control number. The envelope containing the appeal should be marked "FOIA Appeal."

Sincerely,

Douglas C. Taylor, Ph.D.  
Manager, FOIA Program Management Branch