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HEADQUARTERS, U.S. ARMY MEDICAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COMMAND
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June 12, 2023

Freedom of Information Act Office
FOIA Case: FA-23-0032/FP-23-0018994

Robert Skvarla
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Dear Mr. Skvarla,

Our office received a partial referral on June 8, 2023 of your Freedom of Information Act request from March 13, 2023 for the following information:

Copies of records for award ID W81XWH2211105, granted to Wayne State University for a "TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH RESEARCH PROGRAM", first referenced in a story published by Politico on March 9, 2023, titled "The Pentagon is funding experiments on animals to recreate 'Havana Syndrome'". Wayne State University was awarded the grant on September 15, 2022 through the Department of Defense's Defense Health Program, and is collaborating with researchers at the University of Michigan on the project. This request includes, but is not limited to:

- *Requests for Proposals*
- *Requests for Information*
- *Memorandum(s) of Understanding*
- *Letters of Interest*
- *Privacy Impact Assessments*
- *Invoices*
- *Project Budgets and/or Budget Proposals*
- *Grant Evaluation Reports*
- ***Presentations by Wayne State University and the Department of Defense connected to this grant***

The partial referral was solely for the last portion "*Presentations by Wayne State University and the Department of Defense connected to this grant*". Our response will only apply to this portion.

A search request was conducted by the U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command (USAMRDC). After making a good faith effort and conducting a

thorough search of all agency records, using methods which can reasonably be expected to produce the information requested, it resulted in no records found.

A "no record" response may be considered to be adverse, and if so interpreted, may be appealed. As this constitutes a denial of your request, 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."

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at 571-515-0306 or usarmy.belvoir.hqda-oaa-ahs.mbx.rmda-foia-public-liaison@army.mil for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may 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, Maryland 20740-6001, email at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you have any questions or concerns with your request we may be reached at usarmy.detrick.medcom-usamrmc.mbx.foia@health.mil.

Sincerely,

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