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Mr. Brian Butler
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Dear Mr. Butler:

This correspondence is in regards to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of March 23, 2017, in which you seek records related to Hunters Point Naval Shipyard. Specifically, pursuant to the FOIA, you requested the following records maintained by the Department of the Navy (Navy):

All public records related to the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard Tiger Team meetings between November 1, 2016 and today (March 23, 2017).

Your request was received by this office on March 24, 2017 and assigned file number DON-NAVY-2017-004767.

During our search we examined our files and identified several records pertaining to the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard Tiger Team meetings responsive to your request. Specifically, we identified several electronic mail messages, associated attachments, and other separate related files that are responsive to your request. Enclosed with this letter please find a Compact Disc with the records provided in response to your request. Please be advised that fees associated with the processing of your request are waived in this instance.

Certain draft documents and briefing materials that contain or reflect internal advice, recommendations and subjective evaluations pertaining to the internal decision-making process of the Navy are exempt from disclosure under Exemption 5 of FOIA [5 U.S.C 552(b) (5) and have been withheld from release. Release of these draft documents could cause harm to the Navy's deliberations by discouraging the free and frank exchange of opinions or potentially result in public confusion by disclosing information that is not consistent with the outcome of the deliberative process. Although portions of the exempt documents could be considered factual, such information is inextricably intertwined with deliberative material, or fragmented and uninformative, and has therefore been withheld from release.

Because your request has been partially denied, you are advised of your right to appeal this determination. If you have created an account in FOIA online, you may submit your appeal directly within the web based system. To do this, log into your account, retrieve your original request and then click on the "Create Appeal" tab in the left - hand column. The basic information from your request will be duplicated for you, and then you can type in the basis of

your appeal. If you do not have a FOIA online account, you may send an appeal by regular mail to the Department of the Navy, Office of General Counsel (Attn: FOIA Appeals), 1000 Navy Pentagon, Room 5A532, Washington, DC 20358-1000. Your appeal must be postmarked within 60 calendar days from the date of this letter to be considered. A statement as to why your appeal should be granted should be included and a copy of this letter should be attached to your request.

Any questions concerning this matter should be directed to Mr. Scott Anderson at 619-524-5808.

Sincerely,

KIMBERLY A. OSTROWSKI
Director