Dear Ms. Calman,

This is in response to your 24 October 2017 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. Your request was received on 22 November 2017, assigned case Holloman AFB Case 2018-007 and FOIAxpress Case 2018-00670-F requesting all documents pertaining to current flight training activity in the Talon Military Operations Area and the Cato/Smitty Military Operations Area to include elevation of the current flights, number of flights and exercises taking place each year. All documents pertaining to the development of the proposal for the new “Lobos Military Operations Area” and the expansion of the two MOA’s to include how the areas for analysis were chosen. Including any memorandum of agreements currently in place between Holloman AFB and the Gila National Forest.

Portions of documentation are releasable and attached. Redacted portions are exempt from disclosure under the FOIA, Title 5, United States Code, Sections 552 (b)(3) and (b)(5). Exemption (b)(3) protects information that is specifically exempted from disclosure by statute. Exemption 5 protects documents containing opinions and recommendations of Air Force personnel and are considered inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums; disclosure of which would reveal the deliberative process of the government and would compromise the process by which governmental decisions and policies are formulated.

You may appeal our denial determination by writing to the Secretary of the Air Force or submit your appeal on line at the Air Force’s Public Access Link: www.efoia.af.mil/palMain.aspx. The appeal must reference your FOIA case number listed above. If writing, your appeal should be postmarked no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Address your letter as follows:

Secretary of the Air Force
THRU: AFIMSC/IZSI
2261 Hughes Ave Ste 133
Joint Base San Antonio TX 78236-9853
You may also contact the Air Force FOIA Public Liaison Officer, Ms. Anh Trinh, concerning this final response at AF FOIA Public Liaison Office (SAF/CIO A6XA), 1800 Air Force Pentagon, Washington, DC 20330-1800, usaf.pentagon.saf-cio-a6.mbx.af-foia@mail.mil or (703) 614-8500. 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, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Department of Defense Regulation 5400.7 indicates fees be assessed for processing this request; however, there are no chargeable fees assessed for this case.

Direct questions to Holloman FOIA Manager at holloman.foia@us.af.mil or call 575-572-7248 and reference FOIA case number.

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Attachment:
Releasable Records [FOIAXpress Case Number 2018-00670-F]