



**Homeland
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January 17, 2025

SENT BY ELECTRONIC MAIL TO:

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Judicial Watch, Inc.
425 Third St., SW, Suite 800
Washington, DC 20024
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Re: **24-cv-03427 (2024-HQLI-00039)**

Dear Counsel:

This is an interim response to Judicial Watch's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), dated August 5, 2024.

First, DHS cannot confirm or deny the existence of records that would tend to confirm a particular individual's status on or off a Federal Watch List, including Quiet Skies, which are protected by statute and therefore exempt from disclosure. 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3).

Second, DHS conducted a search for records responsive to the FOIA request that do not tend to confirm or deny any individual's status on or off a Federal Watch List. Accordingly, for this interim response, DHS reviewed 506 pages and is producing 13 pages, in part. All 13 pages are being withheld in part pursuant to Exemptions 5 and 6 of the FOIA. Among the 506 pages that DHS reviewed, 427 pages are duplicates and 66 pages are nonresponsive.

The 13 pages for release are Bates stamped DHS-001-03427-000001 to DHS-001-01934-000013. If you have any questions regarding this response, please contact Taisa M. Goodnature, Assistant United States Attorney, at Taisa.M.Goodnature@usdoj.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric A. Neuschaefer".

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Senior Director, FOIA Litigation, Appeals, Policy,
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Enclosure: 13 pages

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