

**Fwd: [21-48876] Freedom of Information Act Request - John Clarke**

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August 23, 2021

Law Office John H Clarke  
1629 K Street, NW  
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Washington, DC 20006

Dear Mr. Clarke:

This email is in reply to your Freedom of Information Act request of May 21, 2021, for records related to the whereabouts of James Kelly Patterson of the Navy and Captain David Lewis Hrdlicka of the Air Force. Your request was received in this office on August 5. It has the tracking number 21-48876.

Based on an available folder list, one series among the Records of the Army Staff (Record Group 319) does appear to include a file on Captain Hrdlicka. It is A1 Entry 1844, 902nd Military Intelligence Group; Vietnam Conflict Prisoners of War (POW), Missing In Action (MIA), and Detainee Intelligence Files, 1944-1986. We were unable to locate records specifically on Mr. Patterson. Having information on their respective units at the time may be useful, although unit records may not have been transferred to our custody yet.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and pursuant to guidance received from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has adjusted its normal operations to balance the need of completing its mission-critical work while also adhering to the recommended social distancing for the safety of our staff. As a result of this re-prioritization of activities, we are not able to provide thorough responses to requests which require us to consult or provide undigitized materials from the archives at this time.

We will continue to process your request when the National Archives resumes normal operations. For updates on our status, please visit <https://www.archives.gov/coronavirus>.

We regret that we can not be of more assistance at this time.

Sincerely,

M. A. GEDRA  
Textual Reference Archives II Branch (RR2RR)  
National Archives at College Park, MD

RR2RR 21-48876  
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## FOIA Appeal and Dispute Resolution Options

You have the right to file an administrative appeal in writing via regular U.S. mail or email. Your appeal should be received within ninety (90) calendar days from the date of this letter and it should explain why you believe this response does not meet the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act. Please address it to the Deputy Archivist of the United States (ND), National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740. Both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." You may also submit your appeal to [FOIA@nara.gov](mailto:FOIA@nara.gov) also addressed to the Deputy Archivist. All correspondence should reference your internal case tracking number 21-48876.

In addition to your right to file an administrative appeal with the Deputy Archivist, you may seek assistance from our FOIA Public Liaison, Rebecca Calcagno. Contact information for the FOIA Public Liaison at the National Archives, Washington DC area is as follows:

Accessioned Executive Branch Agency Records - Washington, DC Area  
FOIA Public Liaison: Rebecca Calcagno  
8601 Adelphi Road, Room 5500  
College Park, MD 20740-6001  
Email: [DC.foia.liaison@nara.gov](mailto:DC.foia.liaison@nara.gov)  
Telephone: 301-837-3190

Finally, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) offers mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to administrative appeals. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue an administrative appeal. The contact information for OGIS is as follows:

Office of Government Information Services  
National Archives and Records Administration  
Room 2510  
8601 Adelphi Road  
College Park, MD 20740-6001  
E-mail: [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov)  
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