

## Re: [21-48876] Freedom of Information Act Request - John Clarke

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**From:** Special Access & FOIA <specialaccess\_foia@nara.gov>  
**To:** <johnhclarke@earthlink.net>  
**Cc:** Special Access and FOIA e-mail <specialaccess\_foia@nara.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: [21-48876] Freedom of Information Act Request - John Clarke  
**Date:** Nov 19, 2021 8:20 AM

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Dear John Clarke,

Thank you for submitting your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the National Archives and Records Administration.

The Special Access and FOIA Program (RF) processes requests for restricted archival records. We generally do not conduct topical searches, nor do we coordinate access to classified records, NARA operational records, or records that are open and available to researchers.

We have forwarded your FOIA request for records in RG 319 relating to Captain David Hrdlicka to the following unit. That office will assign your FOIA request a tracking number, conduct a search for responsive records, and reply directly to you. If you would like to follow up directly, the contact information is:

National Declassification Center (ANDC)  
8601 Adelphi Road, Room 6330  
College Park, MD 20740-6001  
Email: [ndc@nara.gov](mailto:ndc@nara.gov)

Sincerely,

Ashney Randle  
Government Information Specialist  
Special Access & FOIA Program (RF)

On Thu, Nov 18, 2021 at 3:57 PM Special Access and FOIA e-mail <[specialaccess\\_foia@nara.gov](mailto:specialaccess_foia@nara.gov)> wrote:

Dear John Clarke,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Act request for records in the custody of the National Archives and Records Administration. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are not able to process FOIA requests according to our normal procedures. We have assigned your request for records relating to David Hrdlicka to the temporary tracking number **RF-1164**. When we resume normal operations, we will log requests into our system in the order they were received. At that time, we will provide you with a new FOIA tracking number and a more substantive response. We apologize for this inconvenience and appreciate your understanding and patience.

Sincerely,  
Jason Mincey  
Special Access and FOIA Program

On Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 4:37:23 PM UTC-5 Martin Gedra wrote:

Hi FOIA,

I checked on the one series which could have something of interest and there is a file. It needs to be reviewed, though. RG 319, A1 Entry 1844, Box 49, location 631/56/45/2. David Hrdlicka. The folder also has " AC 76 06 79" on it. It has tabs for State, Air

Force, and Office of Secretary of Defense already. The file has 16 pages, not including the folder. Other boxes from this series are off the shelf.

Below is the correspondence sent to Mr. Clarke.

Thanks.

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From: **Martin Gedra** <[martin.gedra@nara.gov](mailto:martin.gedra@nara.gov)>  
Date: Tue, Nov 16, 2021 at 4:30 PM  
Subject: [21-48876] Freedom of Information Act Request - John Clarke  
To: <[johnhclarke@earthlink.net](mailto:johnhclarke@earthlink.net)>

Dear Mr. Clarke:

This is in further response to your FOIA request 21-48876 regarding records on Captain David Lewis Hrdlicka of the Air Force. An interim response was provided to you on August 23.

In our previous correspondence, we noted that a series among the Records of the Army Staff (Record Group 319) appeared to include a file on Captain Hrdlicka, but that we were unable at the time to confirm that. 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 have been able to confirm that a file on Captain Hrdlicka is in the series, but that it needs to be reviewed by our Special Access and FOIA Staff (RF).

This completes this office's processing of your request. However, since the records responsive to your request need to be reviewed for categories of information exempted from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), we are transferring your request to the Special Access and FOIA staff for further action. The Special Access and FOIA staff will be in contact about the status of your request.

Sincerely,

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

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From: **Lyman Reid** <[lyman.reid@nara.gov](mailto:lyman.reid@nara.gov)>  
Date: Mon, Aug 23, 2021 at 12:49 PM  
Subject: Fwd: [21-48876] Freedom of Information Act Request - John Clarke  
To: <[johnhclarke@earthlink.net](mailto:johnhclarke@earthlink.net)>

August 23, 2021

Law Office John H Clarke  
1629 K Street, NW  
Suite 300  
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

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