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Massachusetts National Guard J6 - Information Services ATTN: FOIA Officer 2 Randolph Road Hanscom AFB, MA 01731

Re: Public Records Request/National Guard Adjutant General

Dear FOIA Officer:

This letter is a request under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, made by the American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts, for public records regarding military equipment and resources that have been channeled through the Massachusetts National Guard to local law enforcement agencies in Massachusetts.

Records Requested

Please provide copies of the following records created, updated, or edited, from January 1, 2011, to the present:

- 1. All records, including incident reports and other documentation, relating to direct National Guard-civilian contact, including, but not limited to:
 - i. Logs of prisoner transport;
 - ii. Documentation of contact with cocaine, heroin, marijuana, hashish, and amphetamine manufacturers, growers, and operators;
 - iii. Approval requests for National Guard-civilian contact, including all data about the number of requests issued and the number of requests approved; and
 - iv. All records regarding whether guardsmen are armed when engaged in National Guard-civilian contact, including any data about the number of requests for arming guardsmen made and the number of requests approved.

- 2. All records relating to National Guard equipment lent or leased to police departments or other agencies, including, but not limited to, records regarding which police departments or other agencies have received Light Armored Vehicle (LAV) funds or equipment through grants managed, arranged, or assisted by your Office.
- 3. All records relating to National Guard's eligibility for asset forfeiture money.
- 4. All policies, procedures, and training (including syllabi course descriptions, and handouts) regarding the National Guard Counterdrug and CounterNarcoterrorism missions.
- 5. All records relating to the Massachusetts Counterdrug Plan.
- 6. All documents relating to the relationship between the MA National Guard, the Commonwealth Fusion Center and the Boston Regional Intelligence Center, including all records regarding the number of MA National Guard personnel assigned to each center and all descriptions of any MA National Guard personnel's responsibilities and authorities in connection with assignment to one of the centers.

Because this request is on a matter of public concern and because it is made on behalf of a non-profit organization, we request a fee waiver. If, however, such a waiver is denied, we will reimburse you for the reasonable cost of copying.

Please release documents in electronic form if at all possible.

We look forward to your reply within twenty (20) business days, as required under 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(A)(i).

Thank you for your prompt attention. I understand that this request may yield voluminous results. Please feel free to contact me to discuss details and ask any questions.

Sincerely,

Staff Counsel