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Dear Walter Heinz:

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated September 21, 2021, requesting records you described as follows: "a copy of the IG investigation and report on the following: 'Anti-Racist West Point Policy Proposal'. This letter was published and became public in approximately June of 2020. The USMA Board of Visitors July 29, 2020, Meeting Minutes indicate that the USMA Superintendent was to start a Command IG investigation into this matter with a 1 October 2020 completion deadline. Also, in those meeting minutes the Superintendent indicated that he was not only waiting the IG report but also taking a lead with ASA(&RA) [sic]."

We processed your request under the FOIA. Enclosed are documents that are responsive to your request; specifically, Inspector General Report of Special Inspection, YZ200175. Where boxed in and noted within the documents, information has been withheld that is exempt from disclosure under FOIA exemptions (b)(6) or (b)(7)(C).

Exemption (b)(6) applies to information about individuals in "personnel and medical files and similar files," the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Exemption (b)(7)(C) applies to information contained in records compiled for law enforcement purposes, the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of the privacy of any individuals who were mentioned therein, or who conducted and/or supervised the conduct of an inquiry or investigation.

This action constitutes a partial denial of your request by the Initial Denial Authority. You may appeal this denial decision in writing within 90 days from the date of this letter. If you decide to appeal, please address your appeal through this office—Records Release Office (SAIG-ZXR), Office of the Inspector General, 1700 Army Pentagon 1E132, Washington, DC 20310-1700—to the Office of the General Counsel (OGC),

Department of the Army. That office has appellate authority for Army Inspector General initial FOIA determinations. In any such appeal, you should also provide a copy of this letter, along with sufficient justification upon which OGC may base a decision.

You may seek dispute resolution services from the Army FOIA Public Liaison or the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The Army FOIA Public Liaison Officer may be contacted at (571) 515-0306, or by e-mail at [usarmy.belvoir.hqda-oaa-ahs.mbx.rmda-foia-public-liaison@army.mil](mailto:usarmy.belvoir.hqda-oaa-ahs.mbx.rmda-foia-public-liaison@army.mil). Contact information for OGIS is at [www.archives.gov/ogis](http://www.archives.gov/ogis).

There are no fees assessable for processing this request. If you have any questions concerning this action, please call SFC Young or me at (703) 545-4591. Should you contact our office please refer to case number 22-003.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure



**REPORT OF SPECIAL INSPECTION  
ASSESSMENT OF RACE OR ETHNICITY BASED  
TREATMENT OF CADETS AT THE UNITED STATES  
MILITARY ACADEMY**

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL  
UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

OCTOBER 2020

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15 NOVEMBER 2021

MEMORANDUM FOR COMMAND INSPECTOR GENERAL

SUBJECT: Final Report of Special Inspection: Assessment of Race or Ethnicity Based Treatment of Cadets at the United States Military Academy, October 2020

1. I reviewed the IG inspection report and am providing the following guidance:

a. Approval of the findings and recommendations:

(1)  (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) I approve this report.

(2)  I do not approve this report. See me for further guidance.

b. Approval to release this inspection report to staff and subordinates:

(1)  (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) approve release of this to USMA staff and subordinate Commanders and their staffs as appropriate to address matters of concern and to share best practices identified during this inspection.

(2)  I do not approve release of this report. See me for further guidance.

c. Approval to release this inspection report within IG channels:

(1)  (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) I approve release of this report to the Department of the Army Inspector General. This report will not be released outside of IG channels.

(2)  I do not approve release of this report to the Department of the Army Inspector General. See me for further guidance.

2. POC for this memorandum is the Command Inspector General at 845-938-8209.

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