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Dear Dr. Scott,

This is the final response to your 3 July 2021 Freedom of Information Act request for documents related to 1) Answers to the questions: What is the One Book, One Academy program? Who created it, who administers it, what has it done, what will it do, what is its purpose and who funds it? 2) The logic and justification for selecting this book for required reading of every cadet in the Class of 2025 and 3) The cost and source of funding to purchase and distribute this book. Your request was received on 6 July 2021 and was assigned case 2021-03589-F to identify your request.

The United States Air Force Academy Dean of Faculty Office conducted a thorough search for records and located 48 pages of records responsive to items two and three of your request. Review was conducted under the Freedom of Information Act, United States Code, Title 5 as supplemented by DoDR 5400.7, *DoD Freedom of Information Act Program* to include a foreseeable harm analysis. Record was partially withheld from release as it contains information that is financial as it discusses cost, obtained from an individual at USAFA and is confidential and has not been released to those outside of USAFA, information considered privileged in litigation, primarily under the deliberative process privilege and personal information in other files that, if disclosed, would result in a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The authority for withholding is United States Code, Title 5, Section 552 (b)(4), (b)(5) and (b)(6) of the Freedom of Information Act. We could not respond to request item one because you asked questions instead of requesting records. The FOIA applies to existing Air Force records; the Air Force need not create a record in order to respond to a request. A URL (<https://www.usafa.edu/one-book-one-usafa/>) was located and provided which could possibly answer your questions.

You may appeal this decision by writing to the Secretary of the Air Force within 90 days of the date of this letter. Include in your appeal your reasons for reconsideration and attach a copy of this letter. Address your letter as follows:

Office of the Secretary of the Air Force  
Thru: USAFA/A6 (FOIA)  
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You may also contact the Air Force FOIA Public Liaison Officer, Mr. Robert E. Bivins, concerning this response at AF FOIA Public Liaison Office (SAF/CNZA), 1800 Air Force Pentagon, Washington, DC 20330-1800, DAF.FOIA@us.af.mil or (703) 614-8500. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.”

The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) provides for the collection of fees based on the costs of processing a FOIA request and your fee category. We have placed your request in the "Other" fee category; however, in this case, no fees were assessed. Please refer to FOIA Case 2021-03598-F on all correspondence.

Sincerely

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Director, Communications and Information

Attachment:  
Responsive Documents