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Request summary

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Your request

Subject: FOIA Request – Embassy Lomé Consular Section Records re: Sgt Kelvin Blas (March, 2020–Present) Dear FOIA Officer, This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act. I request all records, including but not limited to duty logs, emails,

cables, memos, consular notes, and call records, maintained by the U.S. Embassy Lomé Consular Section, mentioning or referring to Sgt Kelvin Blas from March 1, 2020 to present. This includes: Consular welfare and whereabouts inquiries Internal communications among consular staff Correspondence with the Department of State in Washington Any record of coordination with the Department of Defense or Department of Veterans Affairs

Fees

What type of requester are you?

other

Fee waiver

yes

Fee waiver justification

Fee Waiver Request I request a waiver of all fees associated with this request under 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A) (iii). Disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and is not primarily in my commercial interest. Public Interest: The records sought concern the treatment of a U.S. veteran and citizen stranded overseas and the performance of government agencies in providing consular assistance. Disclosure will contribute significantly to public understanding of how [AGENCY] responds to Americans in crisis abroad, specifically addressing questions of inter-agency coordination, policy implementation, and accountability for citizen welfare. Dissemination: I operate Covenant for Forgotten Warriors, a nonprofit organization dedicated to advocating for abandoned veterans. Information obtained will be disseminated to the public through our website (covenantforwarriors.org), advocacy materials, engagement with media and congressional offices, and public reporting to inform Americans about government performance. No Commercial Interest: I have no commercial interest in this information. Covenant for Forgotten Warriors is a nonprofit advocacy organization, and I receive no compensation for this work. Any information obtained will be used exclusively for public education and government accountability purposes. If fees are still determined to apply despite this waiver, I agree to pay up to \$25 without prior notice. If fees are expected to exceed this amount, please contact me in advance.

The amount of money you're willing to pay in fees, if any

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Request expedited processing

Expedited processing

yes

Justification for expedited processing

Expedited Processing Request I request expedited processing pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(E)(v)(I) and (II). Compelling Need - Life/Safety: This matter involves a credible threat to an individual's life and physical safety. Sgt. Kelvin Blas, a U.S. Army veteran, has been stranded in Lomé, Togo for over five years without effective consular assistance. His passport was seized, and he continues to face deteriorating health conditions and living circumstances that pose imminent harm. Delay in disclosure could reasonably be expected to threaten the life or physical safety of a U.S. citizen who requires immediate government intervention. Compelling Need - Urgency to Inform Public: There is an urgent need to inform the public concerning actual federal government activity regarding the abandonment of American citizens overseas. The public has an immediate interest in understanding how government agencies coordinate (or fail to coordinate) assistance for stranded veterans, particularly given ongoing policy debates about consular services and veteran welfare.



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