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Commanding Officer, NAS Key West  
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RE: Freedom Of Information Act Request  
NAS Key West FAQs Page, item # 16

To Whom it may concern,

I am writing to request answers to the questions listed below pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act.

Reference: NAS Key West FAQs Page, item # 16, underlined passage below.

The Navy shifted a flight path off Key Haven in 2004. Why was this decision made?

A. After reviewing an AICUZ update to the 1977 study, **Monroe County asked the Navy if a flight path could be slightly shifted off Key Haven residential areas.** The flight track for the approach to runway 07 was subsequently shifted to the east from the standard flight track used. This change has a negative impact on air operations but was modified due to several factors including: the majority of operations are by tactical military aircraft capable of tighter turns; pilots using the airfield are experienced in tactical maneuvers; weather for Boca Chica Field provides for 97 percent VFR flight conditions; and the pattern could be managed through a modification of course rules, thorough flight briefings and aggressive air traffic control procedures. This flight path will likely change in the future when the next generation of tactical fighter jets is introduced.

FOIA Question: Who at Monroe County requested the change highlighted above?

This request includes copies of every document related to the matter, regardless of the format in which the information is stored. If the information I am requesting is on a computer somewhere, that information stored on a computer is as much a public record as a written page in a book or stored in a filing cabinet.

If you refuse to provide this information, please advise me in writing and indicate the applicable exemption to the FOIA. Also, please state with particularity the reasons for your decision. If the exemption you are claiming only applies to a portion of the records, please delete that portion and provide photocopies of the remainder of the records.

I agree to pay the actual cost of duplication. However, if you anticipate that in order to satisfy this request, "extensive use" of information technology resources or extensive clerical or supervisory assistance will be required, please provide a written estimate and justification. I also request a waiver of all fees for this request. Disclosure of the requested information to me is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in my commercial interest.

I request that these records be available by July 20, 2007. If you have any questions or need more information in order to expedite this request, please call me at 305-296-2469.

Sincerely,

Paul S. Caruso