

**RESPONSE TO FREEDOM OF
INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST**

2020-000156

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RESPONSE
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REQUESTER:

Alex Triner

DATE:

03/19/2021

DESCRIPTION OF REQUESTED RECORDS:

Personnel and other records pertaining to Edwin G. Triner while he was an official at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (or its predecessor).

PART I. -- INFORMATION RELEASED

- ☒ The NRC has made some, or all, of the requested records publicly available through one or more of the following means: (1) <https://www.nrc.gov> ; (2) public ADAMS, <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>; (3) microfiche available in the NRC Public Document Room; or FOIA Online, <https://foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home>.
- ☐ Agency records subject to the request are enclosed.
- ☐ Records subject to the request that contain information originated by or of interest to another Federal agency have been referred to that agency (See Part I.D -- Comments) for a disclosure determination and direct response to you.
- ☐ We are continuing to process your request.
- ☒ See Part I.D -- Comments.

PART I.A -- FEES

AMOUNT

\$0.00

- ☐ You will be billed by NRC for the amount indicated.
- ☐ You will receive a refund for the amount indicated.
- ☐ Fees waived.
- ☐ Since the minimum fee threshold was not met, you will not be charged fees.
- ☒ Due to our delayed response, you will not be charged search and/or duplication fees that would otherwise be applicable to your request.

PART I.B -- INFORMATION NOT LOCATED OR WITHHELD FROM DISCLOSURE

- ☐ We did not locate any agency records responsive to your request. *Note:* Agencies may treat three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records as not subject to the FOIA ("exclusions"). See 5 U.S.C. 552(c). This is a standard notification given to all requesters; it should not be taken to mean that any excluded records do, or do not, exist.
- ☐ We have withheld certain information pursuant to the FOIA exemptions described, and for the reasons stated, in Part II.
- ☐ Because this is an interim response to your request, you may not appeal at this time. We will notify you of your right to appeal any of the responses we have issued in response to your request when we issue our final determination.
- ☒ You may appeal this final determination within 90 calendar days of the date of this response. If you submit an appeal by mail, address it to the FOIA Officer, at U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mail Stop T-6 A60M, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001. You may submit an appeal by e-mail to FOIA.resource@nrc.gov. You may fax an appeal to (301) 415-5130. Please be sure to include on your submission that it is a "FOIA Appeal." Only a pre-registered user may file an appeal through FOIA Online, <https://foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home>. A user who has not registered an account prior to filing the initial FOIA request may still submit an appeal by one of the above mentioned options.

PART I.C -- REFERENCES AND POINTS OF CONTACT

You have the right to seek assistance from the NRC's FOIA Public Liaison by submitting your inquiry at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/foia/contact-foia.html>, or by calling the FOIA Public Liaison at (301) 415-1276.

If we have denied your request, you have the right to seek dispute resolution services from the NRC's Public Liaison or the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). To seek dispute resolution services from OGIS, you may e-mail OGIS at ogis@nara.gov, send a fax to (202) 741-5789, or send a letter to: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001. For additional information about OGIS, please visit the OGIS website at <https://www.archives.gov/ogis>.



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PART I.D -- COMMENTS

Upon receipt of your request, our office conducted a preliminary search of NRC's official recordkeeping system, Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), and identified a number of budgetary and administrative documents responsive to your request. In a telephone conversation with our office, and amplified in an email you sent to us afterwards, you narrowed the scope of your request. Citing to a 1975 New York Times article referencing a reliability issue raised by Edwin G. Triner, you narrowed your request, asking for records pertaining to discussions of "these matters of systems reliability and reliability of operations" in the 1975-76 time frame, and records mentioning him or authored by him on this or any similar subject. You expressly excluded the budgetary and administrative documents that we had identified as a result of our initial preliminary search of ADAMS.

Based upon your modified request, we tasked the Office of the Secretary to the Commission (SECY) to search for any responsive records. Three SECY papers - SECY-75-33, SECY-75-178, and SECY-75-208 - were identified as responsive to your request. The Commission determined that they may be released in their entirety. As such, these records have been added to the Main Library in ADAMS and are now available to you under accession numbers ML12226A900, ML12226A766, and ML12226A787, respectively.

Records with an ML accession number are publicly available in the NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room at https://www.nrc.gov/reading_rm.html. If you need assistance in obtaining these records, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) at 301-415 -4737 or 1-800-397-4209, or by email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov.

Thank you for your patience.

Signature - Freedom of Information Act Officer or Designee

Stephanie A. Blaney

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