Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), I hereby request copies of the following records(s):

Reports submitted to Congress pursuant to Section 8127(g) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014 (Public Law 113-76); Section 8121(g) of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235); Section 1211(d)(2) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law 114-92); Section 8111(g) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016 (Public Law 114-113); Section 1211(b)(2) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114-328); Section 8107(g) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017 (Public Law 115-31); Section 8107(g) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law 115-141).

In order to help determine my status to assess fees, you should know that I am affiliated with an educational or noncommercial scientific institution, and this request is made for a scholarly or scientific purpose and not for commercial use. I am a graduating law student at New York University School of Law, and I am seeking the requested record(s) to support a research paper on U.S. condolence payments for civilian casualties. I intend to circulate the paper widely and submit it for publication upon completion. My scholarship was previously published in 2011: “Perspectives of UN Special Rapporteurs on their Role: Inherent Tensions and Unique Contributions to Human Rights.” International Journal of Human Rights 15.2 (2011): 232-248.

I am seeking a public interest fee waiver under 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii). Disclosure of the requested record(s) is in the public interest and “is likely to contribute significantly to the public understanding of activities or operations of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester.” There is continuing, significant public and media interest in the U.S. government’s response to civilian casualties in U.S. military operations abroad. Congress called for the above-mentioned reports in the wake of increased public scrutiny of condolence payments from elected officials, journalists, civil society, and the public. The public has a strong interest in learning of these reports’ contents to see how the Defense Department sought to address these problems.

I would like to receive these records in electronic form if possible.
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