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Mr. John R. Mashey  
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SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request, FA-12-0009, Agreement #W911NF-07-01-0059)

Dear Mr. Mashey,

Reference your FOIA request on the above grant agreement (W911NF-07-01-0059) between George Mason University and the Army Research Office, received at ARO on August 27, 2012.

We apologize for the response delay which occurred during the end of the Government fiscal year. Attached are clearly releasable documents. They include a copy of the award and supporting documentation, a copy of the proposal and the final technical report from DTIC. Not released are budget and cost documents which our office believes are exempt under FOIA Exemption 4. A search for related emails did not turn up anything other than what is attached. We believe that is most likely due to a system migration a number of years ago and the length of time involved between the grant effort and your request.

If you would like to appeal the withholding of the cost and budget items mentioned above, feel free to contact this office and we will forward your request (along with the documents at issue) to our Initial Denial Authority at the Army Research Laboratory (ARL) for a decision on releasability.

Costs are waived in accordance with DoD Directive 5500.7-R. If you have any questions, you may contact Ms. Marie Sander using her email address, [marie.e.sander.civ@mail.mil](mailto:marie.e.sander.civ@mail.mil), or telephonically at 919 549-4201.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edward E. Beauchamp".

Edward E. Beauchamp  
FOIA Officer  
US Army Research Office

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