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Michael Kunzelman
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Dear Mr. Kunzelman:

This letter is the final response to your May 14, 2010, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request addressed to the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG). You requested copies of correspondence surrounding the release of video at the Deepwater Horizon well head. Your request was received in this office on May 17, 2010.

The FOIA Response Unit conducted a comprehensive search of files and correspondence within the National Incident Command (NIC), Unified Area Command (UAC) and all Incident Command Posts (ICPs) set up in support of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill for records that would be responsive to your request. We have access to correspondence only dating back to May 12, 2010. We were unable to locate or identify any responsive records. Intelligence Specialist Second Class (IS2) Jared Frerichs conducted a search of the archive folders held within the NIC, UAC, and ICPs from July 16, 2010, through August 3, 2010, using the following keywords: well head, ROV video, May 13, BP, Transocean, and plume.

While an adequate search was conducted in accordance with COMDTINST M5260.3, you have the right to appeal this determination that no records exist within the Coast Guard that would be responsive to your request. Should you wish to do so, you must send your appeal and a copy of this letter, within 60 days of the date of this letter, to:

COMMANDANT (CG-611)
US COAST GUARD
ATTN: FOIA/PA OFFICER
2100 2ND ST SW STOP 7101
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Following the procedures outlined in the DHS FOIA regulations at 6 C.F.R. § 5.9. Your envelope and letter should be marked "FOIA Appeal." Copies of the FOIA and DHS regulations are available at www.dhs.gov/foia.

If you need to contact our office concerning this request, please call 202-372-3762 and refer to #2010-2188.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Cavallaro". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

M. Cavallaro
Commander, U.S. Coast Guard
Acting Chief, Office of General Law