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**U. S. ARMY CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION COMMAND**  
**U.S. ARMY CRIME RECORDS CENTER**  
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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

**AUG 26 2009**

FA09-3087

Mr. Leslie Gross-Davis  
U.S. Senate Democratic Policy Committee  
419 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Gross-Davis:

This is in response to your request for release of information from the files of the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command (USACIDC) pertaining to the death of SSG Ryan Maseth received on August 18, 2009.

The enclosed Report of Investigation (ROI), 2008-CID259-52146-5H, responsive to your request, is part of a system of records exempt from the disclosure provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The names of law enforcement personnel, as well as names and other personal information pertaining to third parties have been withheld. The removal of this information constitutes a partial denial pursuant to Title 5, USC, Section 552, Exemptions (b)(2), (b)(6), and (b)(7)(C) of the FOIA. Exemption (b)(2) applies to withholding identification numbers of agents. Exemptions (b)(6) and (b)(7)(C) pertain to release of information which would violate the personal privacy of other individuals mentioned in the report.

This partial denial, which is made on behalf of Brigadier General Rodney L. Johnson, Commander, USACIDC, the Initial Denial Authority for USACIDC records under the FOIA, may be appealed to the Secretary of the Army.

If you decide to appeal at this time, your appeal must be submitted within 60 days of the date of this letter. In your appeal, you must state the basis for your disagreement with the partial denial and you should state the justification for its release. Your appeal is made through this Center and should be addressed to the Director, U.S. Army Crime Records Center, 6010 6th Street, Fort Belvoir, Virginia 22060-5585, for forwarding, as appropriate, to the Office of the Secretary of the Army, the appellate authority.

Portions of the ROI did not originate with this agency. The USACIDC is not the releasing authority for the documents in question; therefore, your request and the documents have been referred to the following agencies for appropriate action and direct reply to you:

Exhibits 2, 33, 34 and 44 have been referred to:

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