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**Subject:** From San Diego Union-Tribune

Per our conversation

I'd like the JAGMAN concerning the death of Cpl. Adam S. Lipford, who died in February 2004. Please send the findings to:

Rick Rogers  
The San Diego Union-Tribune  
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**Rogers, Rick**

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March 4, 2004

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**FOIA REQUEST**

Dear FOI Officer:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. s. 552, I request access to and copies of all reports pertaining to the investigation into the death of Cpl. Adam Lipford, 22, who died on or about Feb. 17, 2004 when the M1A1 tank he was in fell off a landing craft in the Guam harbor of Apra.

I understand that it might be months before the investigation is completed. But I do expect this FOIA to be logged in and responded to as the law requires.

I agree to pay reasonable duplication fees for the processing of this request in an amount not to exceed \$20. However, please notify me prior to your incurring any expenses in excess of that amount.

As a representative of the news media I am only required to pay for the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages. This information is being sought on behalf of *The San Diego Union-Tribune* for dissemination to the general public.

Please waive any applicable fees. Release of the information is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

As I am making this request as a journalist and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate your communicating with me by telephone, rather than by mail, if you have questions regarding this request.

Please provide expedited review of this request which concerns a matter of urgency. As a journalist, I am primarily engaged in disseminating information.

I certify that my statements concerning the need for expedited review are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute requires. Please call me at the above telephone number or e-mail me at: [rick.rogers@uniontrib.com](mailto:rick.rogers@uniontrib.com) to signify that you have received this FOIA.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

  
Rick Rogers