

# United States Senate

December 17, 2020

## VIA ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

General Daniel Hokanson  
Chief of the National Guard Bureau  
1636 Defense Pentagon (1E169)  
Washington, DC 20301

Dear General Hokanson:

Thank you for your response to my letter requesting documents regarding the use of low-flying military helicopters over large groups of people in Washington, D.C. on June 1, 2020. I write to request that the National Guard Bureau (NGB) initiate a document preservation order for all NGB documents pertaining to planning and operations related to the National Guard response to civil unrest in Washington D.C. in June.

Document preservation is critical to enable Congress to conduct, at the appropriate time, oversight regarding what happened and to facilitate lessons learned to ensure similar situations do not arise again. As we discussed on our most recent call, I am requesting NGB preserve the following documentation:

1. The mission briefing sheets for all National Guard aircraft flown in the D.C. Metropolitan Flight Restricted Zone (DC FRZ) on June 1, 2020.
2. The risk assessment forms for all National Guard flights flown in the DC FRZ on June 1, 2020.
3. The post-flight after actions reports (AAR) for all National Guard flights flown in the DC FRZ on June 1, 2020.
4. The aircrew training records showing pilots and aircrew were properly trained and signed off by a military flight instructor to fly the tactical “persistent pressure” maneuver reported in the media.
5. A copy of the parent unit’s flight training program to verify unit training and proficiency of the “persistent pressure” maneuver.
6. The military flight manual detailing the procedures to execute the “persistent pressure” maneuver as well as guidance for its tactical usage.
7. Any information included in questions 4-6 for additional military aerial tactics used to support military flight operations flown in the DC FRZ on June 1, 2020.
8. Any logs or transcripts of communication transmissions between air traffic control or military ground leaders and all National Guard aircraft flown in the DC FRZ on June 1, 2020.

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I appreciate the National Guard Bureau's support in appropriately addressing this deeply concerning incident and look forward to reviewing these documents when the investigation is complete. Thank you in advance for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tammy Duckworth". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tammy Duckworth  
United States Senator