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Eric Lipton
The New York Times
1627 EYE St NW
Washington DC 20006

REF: DOI-FWS-2024-000099

Dear Mr. Lipton:

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) office received your request dated November 1, 2023 and assigned it tracking number DOI-FWS-2024-000099. Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request. You have requested the following:

...copies of all email and other written correspondence, including photographs from Oct 1, 2023, through Nov 1, 2023, or the date of the response to this request, whichever is later, between FAA and Fish and Wildlife as it relates to SpaceX and the Boca Chica and a plan for a Starship launch at the Texas site.

Response

For this first interim response, we processed 28 records (212 pages), which are being released to you in full. You can access the responsive documents by following a ShareFile link provided to you in a separate email.

We are continuing to review additional records that are responsive to your request. Because this is an interim response to your request, we will provide notice of your appeal rights in our final response letter.

If you have any questions about our response to your request, you may contact me at monika_malnowicz@fws.gov, or by mail at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; ATTN: FOIA Office; 5275 Leesburg Pike; MS: IRTM; Falls Church, VA 22041.

Sincerely,

Monika Malnowicz
FOIA Coordinator