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Department of the Navy
Chief of Naval Operations
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2000 Navy Pentagon
Washington, DC 20350-2000

Subject: ex USS America CV-66

Dear FOIA Officer,

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552). I request that a copy of the following electronic or physical document(s) be provided:

- Detailed factors pertaining to the decision not to assign a donation hold status to ex USS America CV-66
- Technical reports and overviews regarding the material condition of the hull of the ex USS America CV-66 subsequent to January 1, 1996.
- Most recent reports regarding the assemblies / components removed from ex USS America CV-66 for use on other vessels and fleet bases.
- Documents pertaining to communications between NAVSEA and USS America Carrier Veterans Association of Hopewell Junction, New York regarding the ex USS America in its entirety or components.

In order to help you determine my status for the purpose of assessing fees, you should know that I am affiliated with a 501-3 C educational or noncommercial scientific institution, and this request is made for a scholarly or scientific purpose and not for a commercial use. I am willing to pay fees for this request up to a maximum of \$25.00. If you estimate that the fees will exceed this limit, please inform me first.

I request a waiver of fees for this request because disclosure of the requested information to me is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the DoD.

The information derived from this request will be used to determine the suitability of the ex USS America CV-66 as a floating museum facility for the education of the general public regarding the history of the United States Navy, Naval Aviation, and the officers and men that served aboard her.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Trujillo
Preservation Officer
USS America Museum Foundation