

**From:** [Tony Bragaglia]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 1, 2020 2:54 PM  
**To:** 'foia@dodiis.mil' <foia@dodiis.mil>  
**Subject:** Alesia : Case # FOIA - 0080-2018 Status Please - Lawsuit?

Hi Alesia Williams-

**I HAVE EMAILED YOU THREE TIMES ABOUT THIS.** It has now been over two and a half years since I filed a FOIA (Case Number **FOIA-0089-2018**) and this is far too long to have to wait. I am considering legal action.

Please advise when I can expect to receive the documents that I have requested.

Thank you,  
Anthony Bragaglia

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**From:** [Tony Bragaglia]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 4, 2020 10:06 AM  
**To:** Tumiski, Steven W CIV DIA (US)  
**Subject:** Case # FOIA - 0080-2018 Status Please - Lawsuit Against Alesia Williams

Hi Steven- Please see below. Alesia Williams refuses to respond to my FOIA. It is now over 2.5 years since the request was made. Please advise or I will initiate a lawsuit on this FOIA case. Thanks, Anthony Bragaglia

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**From:** [Tony Bragaglia]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 28, 2020 3:23 PM  
**To:** Tumiski, Steven W CIV DIA (US)  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Steven: URGENT:: Case # FOIA - 0080-2018 Status Please - Lawsuit Pending

Hi Steven - I am in receipt of your letter dated December 8, 2020. **You indicate that I seek "all information on the AATIP." This is incorrect. I have only requested the test results from the UAP material from Bigelow Aerospace under contract to the DoD/Pentagon.** Is this why the delay? Again, I do not wish everything on AATIP, Steven, my request was very focused. Please re-read it and get back to me. Best, Anthony Bragaglia.

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**From:** Tumiski, Steven W CIV DIA (US)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 6, 2021 12:46 PM  
**To:** [Tony Bragaglia]  
**Subject:** FOIA-0089-2018 (BRAGAGALIA Anthony)(AATIP - Bigelow Aerospace)

Hello, Mr. Bragaglia,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you on the phone approximately in mid-DEC2020 regarding the status of your FOIA request.

As discussed with you, due to a variety of challenges related to COVID, an office relocation, etc., DIA's FOIA processing has been severely impacted, causing further delays.

Again, I apologize for the disruption in communications between you and the DIA FOIA Office, for many reasons, including the above. As indicated, Ms. Williams departed the FOIA office some time in 2018. I assumed lead as FOIA Chief in July 2019, so I am not able to speak to issues that occurred prior to that.

As relayed to you generally, FOIA officers have been working the many requests related to AATIP and Bigelow Aerospace, and there is considerable progress toward release of the various respectively responsive records to the many requests/requesters. At this time, we project releases to requesters toward JUN-JUL2021.

Based on our discussion and your emails below, I believe you have narrowed the scope of your request to responsive records specific to:

**test results from the UAP material from Bigelow Aerospace under contract to the DoD/Pentagon**

I have personally reviewed your original request letter (sent via email) from 26DEC2017. While the summary you mention below, "**all information on the AATIP**", is in fact how we have been summarizing your request in our various correspondences with you between 2018-2020, I do interpret your original request to be broader than what you recently communicated with me via phone and in your 28DEC2020 email below, namely:

**test results from the UAP material from Bigelow Aerospace under contract to the DoD/Pentagon**

I understand we may have a difference of opinion on the interpretation of your original request letter. I apologize if that was not sorted out previously between you and the FOIA Office. I can't speak to how it was interpreted at the time of receipt; however, I do certainly concur with the assessment that the request was broader than what is recently re-stated in the communications between you and me. Please, I do not wish to dispute the intentions of your request. My objective is for us to respond appropriately with your request and in accordance with the FOIA. I think regardless of how it may have been interpreted, you are being very specific now in the records that you seek. We have a lot of work to do here in DIA FOIA regarding our processes and communications with requesters to foster transparency, trust, and appropriate/relevant frequency. We have made some progress, and I am committed to continue work toward improvements.

Presuming you do agree that your request has specifically narrowed to responsive records specific to:

**test results from the UAP material from Bigelow Aerospace under contract to the DoD/Pentagon**

I am instructing the FOIA officer working your request to check to see if these records are potentially ready for release to you now, or will be ready sooner than our generalized projection of JUN-JUL2021.

Please confirm that this is correct. As soon as I have an estimated completion date from the FOIA officer working your request, we will provide you with that estimate.

All parties should remember that that an estimated completion date is only an estimate based on the available information at the time of making the estimate. Estimated completion dates are subject to change.

I understand that delays in processing your request are frustrating. I request your continued patience and consideration.

Thank you, Mr. Bragaglia.

Kind regards and V/R,  
Steve

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**From:** [Tony Bragaglia]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 6, 2021 3:08 PM  
**To:** Tumiski, Steven W CIV DIA (US)  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] RE: FOIA-0089-2018 (BRAGAGALIA Anthony)(AATIP - Bigelow Aerospace)

Thanks Steven...yes, just the test results on the material. Tony

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**From:** Tumiski, Steven W CIV DIA (US)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 6, 2021 4:29 PM  
**To:** [Tony Bragaglia]  
**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: FOIA-0089-2018 (BRAGAGALIA Anthony)(AATIP - Bigelow Aerospace)

Thanks, Mr. Bragaglia; I will provide an updated estimated completion as soon as I confirm with the FOIA officer working your request.

Kind regards and V/R,  
Steve

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**From:** Tumiski, Steven W CIV DIA (US)

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 13, 2021 2:28 PM

**To:** [Tony Bragaglia]

**Subject:** RE: FOIA-0089-2018 (BRAGAGALIA Anthony)(AATIP - Bigelow Aerospace)

Hello, Mr. Bragaglia,

The FOIA officer working your request has completed processing the responsive document(s) to your request; your request is now processing toward closure and response to you.

We estimate that we will send the response to your request by the end of January. All parties should remember that that an estimate is based on the available information at the time of making the estimate. Estimates are subject to change.

I understand that delays in processing your request are frustrating. Our response to your request is forthcoming; I request your continued patience and consideration.

Thank you, Mr. Bragaglia.

Kind regards and V/R,  
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**To:** Tumiski, Steven W CIV DIA (US)

**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] RE: FOIA-0089-2018 (BRAGAGALIA Anthony)(AATIP - Bigelow Aerospace)

Steven -

Thanks much for the reply but be aware that the original requested information is not what you believe it to be. Please re-read the original request. This is what was requested nearly four years ago (!):

- **Physical description of all held material through the Pentagon's AATIP (or similarly named program) by Bigelow Aerospace**
- **Source of origin of all held material**
- **Circumstance and method of obtainment of all held material**
- **Custodian US government agency of all held material**
- **The titles and authors of all technical and analytical reports conducted on all held material**
- **Names of private contractors to the US government engaged in the storage and study of all held material**
- **Test results on UAP recovered material, to include the physical properties, chemical and elemental composition, and determination of the material as terrestrial or extraterrestrial in origin**

Though I appreciate your reply, if the response does not cover these items above, it is not responsive.

Best,  
Tony Bragalia

PS You should be aware that I am working with major press publications on this and I suspect that something else is going on besides normal processing.

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**From:** Tumiski, Steven W CIV DIA (US)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 13, 2021 4:02 PM  
**To:** [Tony Bragaglia]  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA-0089-2018 (BRAGAGALIA Anthony)(AATIP - Bigelow Aerospace)

Hello, Mr. Bragaglia,

Please excuse me if there has been a misunderstanding.

I had understood, and you had confirmed, in our last email exchange that you accepted narrowing your scope to:

**test results from the UAP material from Bigelow Aerospace under contract to the DoD/Pentagon**

Your confirmation (per the thread below):

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Thanks Steven...yes, just the test results on the material. Tony

Thus, this is the basis for my fulfilled promise to you from 06JAN where I told you I would update you ASAP with an estimated completion date based on what I thought was your narrowed scope.

I regret that you have doubts about us fulfilling your request in accordance with the FOIA.

I can assure you that your request is not being handled differently than any other request processed by DIA.

I can assure you that your request is being processed in accordance with the FOIA. I am not concerned with your statements regarding press or legal actions; I have dealt, and will continue to deal, with you in good faith, and I hope that you will do so with me.

If you no longer agree to what was understood as narrowing the scope of your request to responsive records specific to:

**test results from the UAP material from Bigelow Aerospace under contract to the DoD/Pentagon**

then, please accept our prospective forthcoming response on this scope as an installment/rolling release.

You will have to wait until FOIA officers finish processing release of the various respectively responsive records to the many requests/requesters related to AATIP and Bigelow Aerospace, which at this time, we project releases to requesters toward JUN-JUL2021. All responses will be processed in accordance with the FOIA. DIA fully supports DOJ and DOD guidance toward release and transparency to the fullest extent possible with exception of information that should be lawfully withheld under the FOIA.

All parties should remember that that an estimated completion date is only an estimate based on the available information at the time of making the estimate. Estimated completion dates are subject to change.

Thank you.

Kind regards and V/R,  
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**To:** Tumiski, Steven W CIV DIA (US)  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] RE: FOIA-0089-2018 (BRAGAGALIA Anthony)(AATIP - Bigelow Aerospace)

Yes, that is the **general request**: “test results from the UAP material from Bigelow Aerospace under contract to the DoD/Pentagon” however, **the specifics of that request** were also included in the original 2017 request, Steven.

They are enumerated in my previous email.

Besides, “test results” by their very nature would have to include what I have enumerated: physical description, properties, and composition of the material tested, titles and authors of those tests, names of those contractors that conducted those tests, etc. Hope that this helps. I did request “test results from the UAP”, but in the interest of helping you and of focusing the request, I enumerated what “tests” and “test results” means.

I am very concerned that Alesia did not handle this well. It is clear that where we are now is not what I requested four years ago. It cannot be simple incompetency. I am concerned something else is going on. Bigelow Aerospace is the contractor who conducted the tests requested. The company is now bankrupt and they still have the material. Bigelow refuses to answer my questions and keeps on directing me back to “the FOIA Officer” in charge of that kind of request - namely, you.

Tony Bragaglia

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**From:** Tumiski, Steven W CIV DIA (US)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 13, 2021 4:38 PM  
**To:** [Tony Bragaglia]  
**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: FOIA-0089-2018 (BRAGAGALIA Anthony)(AATIP - Bigelow Aerospace)

Hello, Mr. Bragaglia,

I am sorry that you are concerned. I was trying to help you get what you considered most important to you perhaps sooner than this summer. It was obviously a misunderstanding.

Please accept our prospective forthcoming response as an installment/rolling release.

You will have to wait until FOIA officers finish processing release of the various respectively responsive records to the many requests/requesters related to AATIP and Bigelow Aerospace, which at this time, we project releases to requesters toward JUN-JUL2021. All responses will be processed in accordance with the FOIA. DIA fully supports DOJ and DOD guidance toward release and transparency to the fullest extent possible with exception of information that should be lawfully withheld under the FOIA.

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If there are delays as we approach JUN-JUL; we will contact you with an updated estimated completion date.

Thank you.

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