


**DETERMINATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION
AND MANAGEMENT**

Under the authority delegated to me by the Secretary of Defense, I have determined that the following information is exempt from disclosure under Exemption 3 of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3)) because it meets the requirements for exemption under 10 U.S.C. § 130e:

The Data Collection and Scheduling Tool (DCAST) and Sierra Hotel Aviation Readiness Program (SHARP) information technology systems and the Department of Defense information collected and/or stored therein.

Date: 8/19/21



Michael B. Donley
Director of Administration and Management

**STATEMENT OF THE BASIS FOR THE DETERMINATION BY
THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT**

In accordance with 10 U.S.C. § 130e, I reviewed the information provided to me by the Department of the Navy (DON) regarding the Data Collection and Scheduling Tool (DCAST) and Sierra Hotel Aviation Readiness Program (SHARP) information technology systems and the information collected therein. I have determined that DCAST and SHARP informational systems are defense critical information security information (DCRIT) as defined by 10 U.S.C. § 130e because it pertains to the physical and operational security regarding the manning, training, and equipping of deployable, combat-ready military forces.

Gaining access to this information about our capabilities and intentions, individually or in the aggregate, would enable an adversary to identify vulnerabilities in training and readiness infrastructure that, if exploited by an adversary, would result in significant disruption to the execution of the DON's training and operational missions. Disclosure of this information could severely disrupt our ability to train to our strengths against adversary forces. This would further provide an adversary the information to disrupt or inflict significant destruction or damage to DoD property and personnel by introducing risk to our military training and operations.

In making this determination, I considered the public interest in the disclosure of this DCAST and SHARP training information and weighed this risk against the risk of harm that might result if such information were to be disclosed. Because the public interest in this disclosure is minimal and the harm that could potentially result from disclosure is extremely significant, I have determined that the protection of this information is critical to the security of our DoD infrastructure and should be exempt from disclosure.