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SEP 20 2013

NGA-20130122F

John Greenewald, Jr.
[REDACTED]

RE: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) referral to the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA-#20130122F) from the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA Case #001-2013)

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This letter is in response to a referral received from the Defense Intelligence Agency on February 7, 2013, in which the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency was asked to review one (1) document totaling 3 pages and to respond directly to you. It is our understanding that you were advised of this referral.

After a careful review of the document, NGA subject matter experts have determined that the document may be released in part. Selected information is being withheld under FOIA exemption (b)(1), which protects from release information currently and properly classified in the interests of national defense or foreign policy.

Appeals to this determination should be made in writing within 60 days from the date of this letter and sent to the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Program Office, Mail Stop S01-EGM, 7500 GEOINT Drive, Springfield, VA 22150. Please reference FOIA referral number **20130122F** in your appeal, detailing your reasons for reconsideration, and include a copy of this letter.

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If you have any questions or concerns regarding this request, please contact Helen Brownie Chapman, NGA FOIA/PA Program Manager, at (571) 557-2987 or via email at FOIANGA@nga.mil.

Sincerely,



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From: John Greenewald, Jr. [john@greenewald.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2012 9:01 PM
To: 'The Black Vault'
Subject: FOIA REQUEST

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Dear Sir,

This is a non-commercial request made under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 5 U.S.C. S 552. Pursuant to the U. S. OPEN Records Act of 2007, my FOIA requester status as a "representative of the news media" -- a status entitling me to an unlimited search processing my request, and the first 100 pages free of charge. For examples of my various publication credits in this regard, I refer you to my radio network, and my own personal radio show (syndicated on FM and AM stations) at <http://www.blackvaultradio.com>. My internet website <http://www.theblackvault.com> which holds a vast government document database, along with many freelance articles that I have written, which have also been published in magazines and websites, including OpEdNews.com, UFO Magazine, FATE Magazine, and others.

Additionally, please contact me if this case should incur a charge.

According to Real Time News, "More than 4,000 tons of shells exploded near a military testing ground some 40 kilometers from the city of Orenburg in Central Russia, prompting the mass evacuation of two nearby towns." This incident occurred on or around October 9, 2012. I respectfully request all documents that pertain to this event. Please include all intelligence records, documents, memos, letters, electronic records, etc. about this incident.

Thank you so much for your time, and I am very much looking forward to your response. Please know that electronic delivery of the requested material or correspondence related to this case is preferred and accepted in lieu of paper copies via snail mail.

Sincerely,

John Greenewald, Jr.
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~~(U//FOUO)~~ The Main Military Investigative Department of the Russian Investigative Committee said that 4,000 tons of projectiles had exploded, among them 1,379 tons of 100-millimeter projectiles, 400 tons of air bombs and 2,300 tons of 280-millimeter Uragan rocket missiles. [2]

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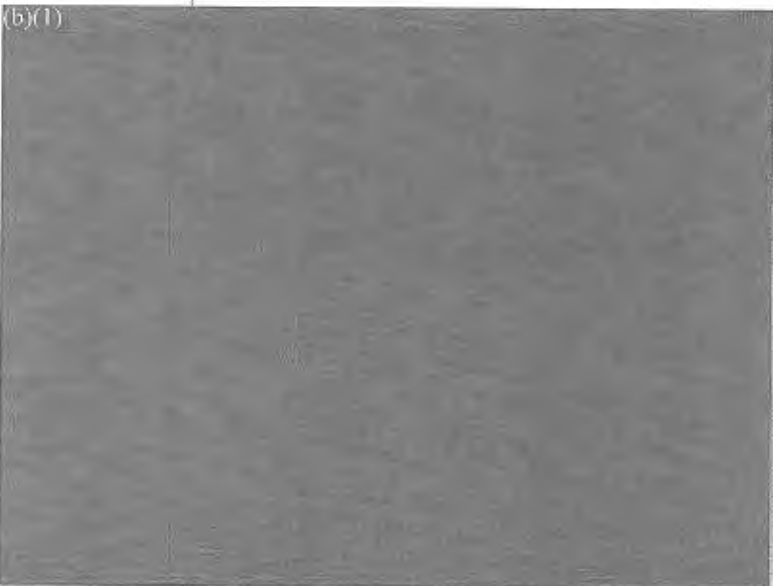
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~~(U//FOUO)~~ [1] Originating Agency: Geospatial Open Source Awareness (GOSSA); Source: (b)(1); Date of Publication: 09 October 2012; Report Title: "Russia: Ammo Train Blows Up at Donguz Rail Station"; (Source information is classified U).

~~(U//FOUO)~~ [2] Originating Agency: Open Source Center (OSC); Source ID Number: (b)(1); Date of Publication: 09 October 2012; Report Title: "4,000 Tons of Projectiles Blast At Military Range in Orenburg Region"; (Source information is classified U).

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(U) Any locations and "BE" numbers mentioned in the report above are based on the National Exploitation System (NES) and can be found and further researched at: <http://nes.nga.ic.gov:8080/nesapp/nesHomePageTemplate.jsp>

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