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FOIA Case: 79246A
21 February 2018

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Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of 24 September 2014 for "all documents pertaining to Project AZORIAN aka Project Jennifer." A copy of your request is enclosed. As we indicated in our initial response letter of 16 October 2014, your request was assigned Case Number 79246. As we also indicated in our initial response, there are no assessable fees for this request.

Your request has been processed under the provisions of the FOIA. Two documents (2 pages) responsive to your request have been re-reviewed by this Agency as required by the FOIA.

One of the documents responsive to your request was found to be currently and properly classified in accordance with Executive Order 13526. This document meets the criteria for classification as set forth in Subparagraph (c) of Section 1.4 and remains classified SECRET as provided in Section 1.2 of Executive Order 13526. The document is classified at that level because its disclosure could reasonably be expected to cause serious damage to the national security. The information is also exempt from automatic declassification in accordance with Section 3.3(b)(1) of E.O. 13526. Because the document is currently and properly classified, it is exempt from disclosure pursuant to the first exemption of the FOIA (5 U.S.C. Section 552(b)(1)).

In addition, this Agency is authorized by various statutes to protect certain information concerning its activities. We have determined that such information exists in this document. Accordingly, those portions are exempt from disclosure pursuant to the third exemption of the FOIA which provides for the withholding of information specifically protected from disclosure by statute.

The specific statute applicable in this case is Section 6, Public Law 86-36 (50 U.S. Code 3605). No portion of the information is reasonably segregable.

The second document was reviewed by the CIA, and they have asked that we protect the entire document pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552 (b)(1) and (b)(3). The specific statutes applicable to CIA are Section 6 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, as amended, and Section 102A(i)(1) of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended. The document also remains classified SECRET as provided in Section 1.2 of the Executive Order. The document is classified at that level because its disclosure could reasonably be expected to cause serious damage to the national security. The information is also exempt from automatic declassification in accordance with Section 3.3(b)(1) of E.O. 13526. If you choose to appeal the denial of this document, you can forward your appeal request to this agency and we will coordinate with the CIA on your behalf.

You may appeal this decision. If you decide to appeal, you should do so in the manner outlined below.

- The appeal must be sent via U.S. postal mail, fax, or electronic delivery (e-mail) and addressed to:

NSA/CSS FOIA/PA Appeal Authority (P132)
National Security Agency
9800 Savage Road STE 6932
Fort George G. Meade, MD 20755-6932

The facsimile number is (443)479-3612.

The appropriate email address to submit an appeal is
FOIARSC@nsa.gov.

- It must be postmarked or delivered electronically no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Decisions appealed after 90 days will not be addressed.
- Please include the case number provided above.
- Please describe with sufficient detail why you believe the denial of the requested information was unwarranted. NSA will endeavor to respond within 20 working days of receiving your appeal, absent any unusual circumstances.

You may also contact our FOIA Public Liaison at foialo@nsa.gov for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the

National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Rd - OGIS
College Park, MD 20740
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Sincerely,


for

JOHN R. CHAPMAN
Chief, FOIA/PA Office
NSA Initial Denial Authority

Encl:
a/s

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Records Requested: Dear Sir,

This is a non-commercial request made under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 5 U.S.C. S 552. My FOIA requester status as a "representative of the news media" however due to your agency's denial of this status, I hereby submit this request as an "All other" requester.

Additionally, I agree to pay fees up to ten dollars.

I respectfully request a copy of all documents pertaining to Project AZORIAN aka Project Jennifer.

Project Azorian was one of the most complex, expensive and secretive intelligence operations of the Cold War at a cost of about \$800 million (\$3.6 billion in 2011 dollars). In addition to designing the high tech recovery ship and its unique lifting cradle, the U.S. had to develop precision stability equipment to keep the ship nearly stationary above the target while lowering nearly three miles of pipe, and scientists also developed methods for preserving paper that had been underwater for years in hopes of being able to recover and read the submarine's codebooks.

Please include all releasable records relating to this request. This includes, but is not limited to, reports, letters, electronic records, memos, photographs, video etc.

I requested these documents many years ago, and although they were classified at the time, I ask that the decision be reviewed again, and responsive documents release.

IF the documents are still classified, I respectfully request a Mandatory Declassification Review (MDR) so they may be reviews and declassified, if the that is the correct course of action.

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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