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INSPECTOR GENERAL
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
4800 MARK CENTER DRIVE
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22350-1500

Ref: FOIA-2015-00642

Mr. John Greenewald
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JUN 16 2015

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is in response to your May 25, 2015, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for copies of each Report of Investigation, Closing Report, Final Report, Closing Memo, Referral Memo or Referral Letter associated with Project Flicker / Operation Flicker. We received your request on May 26, 2015, and assigned it case number FOIA-2015-00642. Please note the Department of Defense, Office of Inspector General previously released documents pertaining to Operation Flicker that may be responsive to your request. These documents are available in our FOIA reading room at <http://www.dodig.mil/FOIA/readingroom.cfm>.

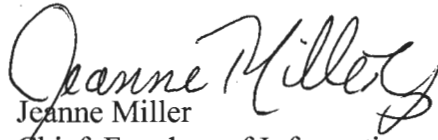
For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV 2010). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

The Defense Criminal Investigative Service (DCIS) conducted a search for additional records and located documents responsive to your request. As the documents are currently part of an open investigation, I am denying them in full pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), which pertains to certain inter- and intra-agency communications protected by the deliberative process privilege; 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), which pertains to information, the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy; 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(A), which applies to records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes during an open investigation, the release of which could reasonably be expected to interfere with law enforcement proceedings; 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(C), which pertains to records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, the release of which could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy; and 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(E), which pertains to records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, the release of which would disclose certain law enforcement techniques or procedures.

You may request the documents you seek again once the DCIS investigation is closed. You will, however, be required to submit a new FOIA request to this office. If you need assistance determining the status of the DCIS case, please contact the FOIA Requester Service Center via email at dodigfrsc@dodig.mil or phone at 703-604-9775 or 1-866-993-7005.

If you are not satisfied with this action, you may submit an administrative appeal to the Department of Defense, Office of Inspector General, ATTN: FOIA Appellate Authority, Suite 17F18, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22350-1500. Your appeal should be postmarked within 30 days of the date of this letter, should cite to case number FOIA-2015-00642, and should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,


Jeanne Miller
Chief, Freedom of Information and
Privacy Office