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NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY
CENTRAL SECURITY SERVICE
FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MARYLAND 20755-6000

FOIA Case: 84304
3 May 2016

JOHN GREENEWALD
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of 21 April 2016, which was received by this office on 21 April 2016, for a "Copy of records pertaining to FOIA Cases 79192, 79195, and FOIA Appeal 4057." Your request has been assigned Case Number 84304. There is certain information relating to this processing about which the FOIA and applicable Department of Defense (DoD) and NSA/CSS regulations require we inform you.

For purposes of this request, you are considered an "all other" requester. As such, you are allowed 2 hours of search and the duplication of 100 pages at no cost. There are no assessable fees for this request.

Your request has been processed under the FOIA and the documents you requested are enclosed. Certain information, however, has been deleted from the enclosures. This Agency is authorized by statute to protect certain information concerning its activities, as well as the names of its employees. Such information is 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). We have determined that such information exists in these records, and we have excised it accordingly.

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

- The appeal must be in writing and addressed to:

NSA/CSS FOIA/PA Appeal Authority (DJ4),
National Security Agency
9800 Savage Road STE 6248
Fort George G. Meade, MD 20755-6248

- It must be postmarked no later than 60 calendar days of the date of this letter.
- Please include the case number provided above.
- Please describe with sufficient detail why you believe the denial of information was unwarranted.
- NSA will endeavor to respond within 20 working days of receiving your appeal, absent any unusual circumstances.

Sincerely,

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

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a/s

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Case No. 79192/Appeal: 4057
Case No. 79195/Appeal: 4058

M/R: (U) FINAL APPEAL RESPONSE - NO RECORDS

(U) The attached letter responds to John Greenewald's two appeals dated 19 November 2014 for records relating to "NEW AGE", FOIA Case 79192 and "PSYCHIC POWERS", FOIA Case 79195 category listings within the "Remote Viewing" Intellipedia entry.

(U) On appeal we have reviewed the initial requests, the Chief, FOIA/PA Office's response dated 29 September 2014, the appeal letters, and the search performed in response to the requests. In response to this request, the FOIA/PA office SME conducted a search of the two topics across all three levels of Intellipedia and as a result of that search no documents on those topics were located. We have determined that this search was thorough and reasonable for the requested records, therefore, Mr. Greenewald's appeal of the NSA determination in this case should be denied. Lastly, we inform the requester that he may wish to seek judicial review of this decision.

~~(U//F)~~ [redacted] DJ4, [redacted], 20 January 2016

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M/R: (U) **PARTIAL DENIAL AND FOLLOW-UP TO APPEAL LETTER**

(U) This letter is a follow-up to our letter of 3 February 2016 denying John Greenwald's appeals to our responses to FOIA cases 79192 and 79195. Mr. Greenwald had submitted those requests in September 2014 for Intellipedia entries on the "NEW AGE" and "PSYCHIC POWERS" categories, respectively.

(U) Mr. Greenwald is a prolific FOIA requester on a variety of topics, to include several Intellipedia entry requests. On 26 March 2014, Mr. Greenwald submitted a FOIA request for Intellipedia entries on "REMOTE VIEWING". We conducted a search of all three levels of Intellipedia (UNCLASSIFIED, SECRET, and TOP SECRET), and located one responsive document (4 pages). This document was on the TOP SECRET level. We withheld information about internal URLs and contributor names and released the document to Mr. Greenwald, closing the case as a "Partial Denial" on 10 September 2014.

(U) The "Remote viewing" document provided to Mr. Greenwald included a reference to two categories: Pseudoscience and Psychic powers. On 19 September 2014, he requested the Pseudoscience category listing in FOIA case 79194; we provided that document, after redactions, on 10 August 2015.

(U) Also on 19 September 2014, Mr. Greenwald requested the "Psychic Powers" category listing (case 79195). He also requested the "New Age" category listing (case 79192); it appears that he had mistaken topic tags for categories. Note that the topic tags listed in the "Remote viewing" document are as follows (with his case numbers):

New Age: case 79192
Psychic powers: case 79195
Parapsychology: case 79117 – closed NR
Purported remote viewers
Pseudoscience: case 79194 – closed PD

(U) On 22 September 2014 I did a search of Intellipedia for pages titled "Psychic powers" and "New Age" instead of categories by these names. I had misread the submitted request. There were no results, so I closed both cases as "No records" on 29 September 2014.

(U) Shortly after receipt of our "no records" response, Mr. Greenwald submitted appeals for both cases on 6 October 2014: Appeal ID 4057 for case

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79192 and Appeal ID 4058 for case 79195.

(U//~~FOUO~~) On 7 October 2014, I received an informational email that cases 79192 and 79195 had been appealed by Mr. Greenwald. I read the appeals and quickly realized the mistake I made when I did the original queries (searching for pages by those names, not category listings). I queried Intellipedia for the "Psychic powers" and "New age" categories, and found one responsive document – on "Psychic powers". I sent an email on 7 October 2015 to [REDACTED] in the OGC explaining my original mistake and provided him with the results: a 1 page responsive document for "Psychic powers" and a 1 page document indicating "no results" for the "New age" category.

(U) Mr. Greenwald's appeals were acknowledged in a letter dated 8 October 2014.

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(U//~~FOUO~~) In 2015, the responsibility for handling appeals was transferred from the OGC to DJ4. [REDACTED] provided DJ4 with a spreadsheet of appeal cases, which included a reference to my email of 7 October 2014. I provided a copy of that email to the appeals team in July 2015.

(U) On 3 February 2016, NSA sent a letter to Mr. Greenwald, signed by the NSA Appeal Authority, upholding our original determination and denying his appeals.

(U//~~FOUO~~) On 9 March 2016 while I was doing some research in ADMS (unrelated to these cases), I came across these cases. I was curious about their status, so I opened one and read the final appeal letter. I sent an email to DJ4 management and the appeals team explaining the original error, the correspondence with [REDACTED] and the appeals team, and that we actually do have a responsive document.

(U//~~FOUO~~) After some discussion, DJ4 management decided we should do a follow-up response to Mr. Greenwald, indicating that we had upheld the appeal in error based on an administrative mistake. As such, we are not providing the document to Mr. Greenwald via the traditional appeals process and he will not be given judicial rights.

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(U) We provide Mr. Greenwald the responsive document for the "Psychic powers" category listing. Also, as an indicator of a good faith attempt to locate the other category listing, we are providing the response page for the query on "New age" category, which indicates that category does not exist. We inform him that certain information was deleted, citing the appropriate exemptions and statutes. We provide NSA appeal rights for the information we protected and we apologize for the error.

(U//~~FOUO~~) [REDACTED], DJ42, [REDACTED] 29 March 2016

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(U) Sharon Linkous, DJ4, , 29 March 2016

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[redacted] NSA-DJ4 USA CTR (b) (3) - P.L. 86-36

From: [redacted] A NSA-DJ4 USA CIV
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2015 11:01 AM
To: [redacted] NSA-DJ4 USA CIV
Subject: FW: (U) Appeals
Attachments: new age.pdf; psychic powers.pdf
Importance: High

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(U) See below

[redacted]

(U) Please forward large files to my dropbox

(U//FOUO) -

[redacted]

Document Review & Analysis Team (DRAT), DJ42
Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act Office

[redacted]

(U//FOUO)

From: [redacted] NSA-DJ42 USA CIV
Sent: Tuesday, October 07, 2014 8:17 AM
To: [redacted] NSA-D28 USA CIV; Blacker Cindy S NSA-DJ41 USA CIV; Linkous Sharon C NSA-DJ42 USA CIV
Subject: RE: (U) Appeals
Importance: High

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[redacted]

(U//FOUO) When I originally worked these cases, I misinterpreted the request to be for the pages on these topics and not the category listings.

(U//FOUO) See attached - I did a second search for the "New Age" and "Psychic Powers" categories for appeal 4057 and 4058. The "new age" category does not exist. If you look at the responsive document in case 79192, you'll see that "New Age" isn't actually identified as a category, but it is in the path name of a file .

(U//FOUO) As for "psychic powers", I've attached the responsive document.

(U//FOUO) Let me know what else, if anything, you need from me. If you need me to scan these into ADMS and redact them, I will do so. Note that I am on leave starting tomorrow and will return on 20 October, so let me know asap. These should only take a few minutes.

[Redacted]

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~~(U//FOUO)~~

[Redacted]

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Document Review & Analysis Team, DJ42
Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act Office

[Redacted]

~~(U//FOUO)~~

From: [Redacted] NSA-DJ09 USA CTR

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Sent: Tuesday, October 07, 2014 7:55 AM

To: [Redacted] NSA-D28 USA CIV; [Redacted] NSA-DJ42 USA CIV; Blacker Cindy S NSA-DJ41 USA CIV; Linkous Sharon C NSA-DJ42 USA CIV

Cc: [Redacted] NSA-DJ09 USA CTR; [Redacted] NSA-DJ09 USA CTR; [Redacted] NSA-DJ09 USA CTR

Subject: (U) Appeals

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Cases:

79192 (Appeal #4057)

79195 (Appeal #4058)

Have had appeals scanned into the system.

[Redacted]

Case Processing Center
DJ4 (con) PTFS

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Case Number: 79192

User: [redacted]

Date: 03/29/2016

Comment: (U//~~FOUO~~) Letter and MR written in case 79195 and copied into this one. Docs stamped and sealed. Response package placed into outgoing mail bin. Cases closed.

User: [redacted]

Date: 03/28/2016

Comment: (U//~~FOUO~~) Case reopened again. Per DJ4 management, we will finalize this and 79195 outside of the appeals process. Draft letter provided to DJ4 management for consideration before adding it to the cases.

User: [redacted]

Date: 03/11/2016

Comment: (U//~~FOUO~~) Case reopened. Search results page added and redacted. Case re-closed.

User: [redacted]

Date: 02/05/2016

Comment: (U//~~FOUO~~) OGC concurrence received; Dave signed on 4 Feb., placed in mailbin today.

User: [redacted]

Date: 01/20/2016

Comment: (U//~~FOUO~~) Forwarded to OGC for concurrence

User: [redacted]

Date: 01/14/2016

Comment: (U//~~FOUO~~) Appeal upheld; aggregating with 79195/4058

User: [redacted]

Date: 10/08/2014

Comment: (U//~~FOUO~~) Appeal acknowledgment letter mailed.

User: [redacted]

Date: 10/07/2014

Comment: (U//~~FOUO~~) OGC Lit notified of appeal correspondence. Validated. #109 in appeals queue.

User: [redacted]

Date: 09/29/2014

Comment: (U//~~FOUO~~) Letter and MR copied into 79195. Letter printed and placed into outgoing mail bin. Cases closed.

User: Pamela N Phillips

Date: 09/29/2014

Comment: (U) Signed.

User: [redacted]

Date: 09/28/2014

Comment: (U//~~FOUO~~) Senior review completed. Work with 79195. Letter and MR in 79192. Will be copied to 79195 after signature. Forwarding for signature.

User: [redacted]

Date: 09/28/2014

Comment: (U//~~FOUO~~) Case picked up for senior review.

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DOCID: 4295532

Case Number: 79192

User:

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Date: 09/23/2014

Comment: (~~U//FOUO~~) Aggregated with 79195 for No Records response. Letter and MR are in this case, and will be copied into 79195 upon signature. Case sent to approval queue.

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FOIA Cases: 79192
79195

M/R: (U) **NO RECORDS - AGGREGATED RESPONSE TO REQUESTER**

(U) This letter responds to two of John Greenwald's FOIA requests of 19 September 2014 for Intellipedia entries on the following topics:

- Case number 79192: Intellipedia entries on "NEW AGE"
- Case number 79195: Intellipedia entries on "PSYCHIC POWERS"

(U//~~FOUO~~) Mr. Greenwald is affiliated with "The Black Vault", and has numerous previous FOIA requests on a variety of topics in our system. For purposes of this request and based on previous case determinations, Mr. Greenwald is considered an "all other" requester. There are no assessable fees.

(U//~~FOUO~~) A CTS subject search indicates there are no previous requests from other requesters for these two topics.

(U//~~FOUO~~) A search for these two topics across all three levels of Intellipedia did not locate any documents. The total search time was 30 minutes.

(U) In our response letter, we inform Mr. Greenwald that his cases have been assigned case numbers 79192 and 79195. He is advised that for purposes of these requests he is considered an "all other" requester, and there are no assessable fees. We inform him that we conducted a thorough search of all three levels of Intellipedia (UNCLASSIFIED, SECRET, and TOP SECRET), and that there are no records responsive to his requests. We provide Mr. Greenwald with his appeal rights.

(U//~~FOUO~~) [redacted], DJ42, [redacted], 23 September 2014

(U//~~FOUO~~) [redacted], DJ42, 28 September 2014

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Case Number: 79195

User: [redacted]

Date: 03/29/2016

Comment: (U//FOUO) Docs in both cases stamped and sealed. Copy of letter and MR placed into 79192. Response package placed into outgoing mail bin. Cases closed.

User: Sharon C. Linkous

Date: 03/29/2016

Comment: (U) Letter signed.

User: [redacted]

Date: 03/29/2016

Comment: (U//FOUO) Appeals follow-up letter and MR drafted and sent to DJ4 management for review. Will place a copy of both into case 79192 upon signature.

User: [redacted]

Date: 03/28/2016

Comment: (U//FOUO) Case reopened again. Per DJ4 management, we will finalize this and 79192 outside of the appeals process. Draft letter provided to DJ4 management for consideration before adding it to the cases.

User: [redacted]

Date: 03/10/2016

Comment: (U//FOUO) Had case reopened because there IS a responsive document. I had informed [redacted] about it in Oct 2014. Document added to case and redacted today. Note that I only searched the TS level of Intellipedia for this category and the "new age" category because he indicated he found these on the responsive document for "remote viewing" (see case 77302). That document DOES reference the "psychic powers" category, but he misinterpreted the term "new age" on that document. It does NOT indicate a category - it's more of a "tag".

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User: [redacted]

Date: 02/05/2016

Comment: (U//FOUO) OGC concurrence received; Dave signed on 4 Feb; placed in mailbin today.

User: [redacted]

Date: 10/08/2014

Comment: (U//FOUO) Appeal acknowledgment letter mailed.

User: [redacted]

Date: 10/07/2014

Comment: (U//FOUO) OGC Lit notified of appeal correspondence. Validated. #110 in appeals queue.

User: [redacted]

Date: 09/29/2014

Comment: (U//FOUO) Letter and MR copied from 79192. Letter printed and placed into outgoing mail bin. Cases closed.

User: Pamela N Phillips

Date: 09/29/2014

Comment: (U) Approved.

User: [redacted]

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DOCID: 4295534

Case Number: 79195

Date: 09/28/2014

Comment: (U//~~FOUO~~) Case picked up for senior review to work with 79192. Letter and MR both in 79192. Senior review completed. Case forwarded for signature.

User:

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Date: 09/23/2014

Comment: (U//~~FOUO~~) Aggregated with 79192. Letter and MR are in that case, and will be copied into this one upon signature. Forwarded to approval queue.



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CENTRAL SECURITY SERVICE
FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MARYLAND 20755-6000

Case: 79192/Appeal: 4057
79195/Appeal: 4058
DATE

JOHN GREENEWALD
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is a final response to your two pieces of correspondence, dated 19 November 2014, appealing the National Security Agency/Central Security Service's (NSA/CSS) denial of your requests under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) for records relating to "NEW AGE", FOIA Case 79192 and "PSYCHIC POWERS", FOIA Case 79195 category listings within the "Remote Viewing" Intellipedia entry. Our denial was based on the fact that no records responsive to your requests were located. I have reviewed your requests, the Chief of the FOIA Office's response to you, and your letter of appeals. As a result of my review, I have determined that the searches were reasonable, and that the response to your requests ~~was~~ere correct and proper. Therefore, your appeals are denied.

Because this response is a denial of your appeals, you are hereby advised of your right pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §552(a)(4)(B) to seek judicial review of my decision in the United States District Court in the district in which you reside, in which you have your principal place of business, in which the Agency records are situated (U.S. District Court of Maryland), or in the District of Columbia.

Sincerely,

DAVID J. SHERMAN
Associate Director for Policy and Records
Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act Appeal Authority

Blacker Cindy S NSA-DJ4 USA CIV

From: [redacted] ISA-D2 USA CIV
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2016 1:54 PM
To: [redacted] ISA-DJ4 USA CIV
Cc: DL FOIA_Appeal (ALIAS) DJ4
Subject: RE: (U) ACTION: For review by 2 February 16 - draft response to appeals 4057 & 4058
Attachments: hrf_Appeal response.docx

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Thank you [redacted]. Just one minor edit.

[redacted]
Attorney
Litigation Practice Group
Office of the General Counsel (D28)



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From: [redacted] NSA-DJ4 USA CIV
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2016 11:27 AM
To: DL FoiaLegal (ALIAS) D28
Cc: DL FOIA_Appeal (ALIAS) DJ4
Subject: (U) ACTION: For review by 2 February 16 - draft response to appeals 4057 & 4058

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Dear OGC Colleagues:

(U) For your review; suspense date 2 February.

(U) Background: 2 requests aggregated into one response; Intellipedia topics:
NEW AGE – Case 79192/Appeal 4057
PSYCHIC POWERS – Case 79195/Appeal 4058

Thanks,

(U//~~FOUO~~) [redacted]
FOIA/PA Appeals Team, DJ4
Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Office



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