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Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D.C. 20505

25 April 2014

Mr. John Greenwald  
The Black Vault

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Reference: F-2014-01346

Dear Mr. Greenwald:

This is a final response to your 14 April 2014 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received in the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator on 14 April 2014, for **a copy of the report entitled, "The Threat From Iraquii UAVs," dated March 3, 2003.**

Our records show that we conducted a search on behalf of an earlier requester for records on the same subject of your request. Therefore, we conducted a search of our previously released database and located the enclosed document, consisting of three pages, which we believe to be responsive to your request. This document was located and released in connection with the earlier request.

Since you are entitled to the first 100 pages free, there is no charge for this document.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michele Meeks".

Michele Meeks  
Information and Privacy Coordinator

Enclosure

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3 March 2003

SUBJECT: The Threat From Iraqi UAVs

1. [redacted] regarding the threat to the United States from Iraqi unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) [redacted] we are concerned about the potential for WMD armed UAVs to be used against the US mainland. In addition, various sources suggest that Saddam might use chemical or more likely biological (CBW) agent armed UAVs against coalition forces and our allies in the Persian Gulf theater.

2. [redacted] We have no definite indications that Baghdad is planning to use WMD armed UAVs against the US mainland. However, in June an Iraqi UAV procurement agent ordered six UAV autopilots with six copies of commercially available route planning software and an embedded topographic database that provides coverage of the United States. This database and software—designed for use by motorists and aviators—could support programming of a UAV autopilot for operation in the United States. Although, the procurement agent was unsuccessful in this effort to acquire the software, the product can be easily purchased online from other vendors or from stores.

[redacted] Although we cannot exclude the possibility that this purchase was directed by Baghdad, information acquired in October suggests that it may have been inadvertent on the part of the procurement agent. We are attempting to collect additional information regarding Iraq's intentions with this software.

3. [redacted] Although we have no evidence that Iraq has forward deployed small UAVs to the vicinity of the US mainland, it is technically feasible that they could do so.

[redacted] It is also technically possible that Iraq could [redacted] launch small UAVs from ships against the US mainland, however we have no evidence that such a capability has been tested.

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4. [redacted] Iraq could use CBW configured UAVs in theater against US forces and our allies.

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5. [redacted] We are concerned about the scope and nature of Iraq's UAV-related procurement and development efforts.

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