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NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

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13 July 2018

John Greenewald, Jr. 27305 W Live Oak Road, Suite 1203 Castaic, California 91384

Email: john@greenewald.com

REF: FOIA Cases F-2018-00113

Request Control Number 1049

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is in response to your request dated and received in the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) on 20 June 2018. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), you requested "all documents created during the processing of FOIA Request number F-2016-00130, along with all of those created during the processing of my subsequent FOIA appeal"

Your request has been processed in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended. A thorough search of our files and databases located forty-seven documents responsive to your request. Twenty-six documents are being released to you in part. The remaining twenty-one documents are being denied to you in full.

Material withheld from release is denied pursuant to FOIA exemptions:

- (b) (1) as properly classified information under Executive Order 13526, Section 1.4(c);
- (b)(3), which is the basis for withholding information exempt from disclosure by statute. The relevant withholding statute is 10 U.S.C. § 424, which provides (except as required by the President or for information provided to Congress), that no provision of law shall be construed to require the disclosure of the organization or any function of the NRO; the number of persons employed by or assigned or detailed to the NRO; or the name or official title, occupational series, grade, or salary of any such person;
- (b)(5), which applies to information that is predecisional and deliberative in nature; and
- (b) (6) Which applies to records which, if released, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of individuals.

You have the right to appeal this determination to the NRO Appellate Authority, 14675 Lee Road, Chantilly, VA 20151-1715, within 90 days of the above date. You may also submit an appeal electronically by completing the form available on the NRO's public web site at http://www.nro.gov/foia/AppealInput.aspx. Please include an explanation of the reason(s) for your

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Dear Mr. Greenewald:

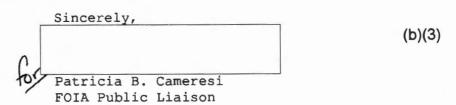
This is in response to your request dated 16 August 2016 and received in the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) on 17 August 2016. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), you are requesting "a copy of the NRO Congressional Budget Justification Book for Fiscal Year 1996."

We have accepted your request. It will be processed in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended.

Since we may be unable to provide a response within the 20 working days stipulated by the Act, you have the right to consider this a denial and may appeal on this basis to the NRO Appellate Authority, 14675 Lee Road, Chantilly, VA 20151-1715 after the initial 20 working day period has elapsed; doing so, however, would exhaust your administrative appeal rights. To preserve these rights, we recommend that you allow us sufficient time to continue processing your request and respond as soon as we can. You will then have the right to appeal any denial of information after you receive a final response from us. Unless we hear otherwise from you, we will assume that you agree and will continue processing your FOIA request on this basis.

The FOIA authorizes federal agencies to assess fees for record services. Based upon the information provided, you have been placed in the "educational/scientific/media" category of requesters. Requesters in this category are generally responsible for duplication fees (\$.15 per page) exceeding 100 pages. We will notify you if it appears that we will reach or exceed our \$25.00 minimum in processing your request. Additional information about fees can be found on our website at www.nro.gov.

If you have any questions, please call the Requester Service Center at (703) 227-9326 and reference case number **F-2016-00130**.



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"Eventually, all things merge into one, and a river runs through it. The river was cut by the world's great flood and runs over rocks from the basement of time. On some of the rocks are timeless raindrops. Under the rocks are the words, and some of the words are theirs. I am haunted by waters."

- Norman Maclean

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- Request that you highlight information for withholding and provide your justification along margin lines or in a separate document; and
- REMEMBER--Feeling uncomfortable about releasing certain information is NOT a justification for withholding! We need to be able to demonstrate "harm in release" for information denied from release.

Why it needs to be done?

(U) FOIA Law; Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. Sec 552, as amended

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From: SAO-Tracker

To: COMM-IMSO-FOIA-Tracker

FYI: SAO-IART-Tracker

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14675 Lee Road Chantilly, VA 20151-1715

12 April 2018

Mr.	John	Greenewald	
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REF: NRO Case Number F-2016-00130

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We have processed your request in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended. We located the record responsive to your request; however, after thorough review, we determined that the record must be denied in full pursuant to the following FOIA exemptions: (b)(1), as properly classified information under Executive Order 13526, Sections 1.4(c), (e), and (g); and (b)(3), which is the basis for withholding information exempt from disclosure by statute. The relevant withholding statute is 10 U.S.C. § 424, which provides (except as required by the President or for information provided to Congress), that no provision of law shall be construed to require the disclosure of the organization or any function of the NRO; the number of persons employed by or assigned or detailed to the NRO; or the name or official title, occupational series, grade, or salary of any such person.

Additionally, the information meets criteria specified in 1.7(e) of Executive Order 13526 that a series of unclassified items in the document in the aggregate reveal associations or relationships not otherwise revealed in the items individually, and these aggregate associations and relationships meet the standards for classification and are not otherwise revealed in the individual items of information.

You have the right to appeal this determination to the NRO Appellate Authority, 14675 Lee Road, Chantilly, VA 20151-1715, within 90 days of the above date. You may also submit an appeal electronically by completing the form available on the NRO's public web site at http://www.nro.gov/foia/AppealInput.aspx. Please include an explanation of the reason(s) for your appeal as part of your submission. The FOIA also provides that you may seek dispute resolution for any adverse determination through the NRO FOIA Public Liaison and/or through the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). Please refer to the OGIS public web page at https://ogis.archive.gov/ for additional information.

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If you have any questions, please call the Requester Service Center at (703) 227-9326 and reference case number F-2016-00130.

Sincerely,

Patricia B. Cameresi FOIA Public Liaison

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To whom it may concern,

Sincerely,

This is an appeal on the final decision on FOIA CASE F-2016-00130. In this case, I was given a full denial under (b)(1) and (b)(3).

I appeal this decision due to the fact that there should be, in my opinion, at least one segregable portion releasable to the general public. As proof, I would point you to the NROs own FOIA Reading Room which has excerpts on prior Congressional Budget Justifications on http://www.nro.gov/foia/declass/frequent.html.

I believe this, in itself, proves that at least a portion of the document can be released, and should not be classified IN FULL as your FOIA letter states.

In addition, I have also received personally extracts from previous budget justifications which I have archived here: http://www.theblackvault.com/documentarchive/congressional-budget-justification-documents-agencies/

In addition, this budget justification was written approximately 22 YEARS ago. As displayed at the above links, budget justifications from the NRO have been released, in part, from dates much more recent than the 1996 justification requested here. Clearly, this discrepancy should support that at least a portion of the 1996 budget justification can be released.

This furthers the proof there should be at least some releasable portion of the document.

Thank you so much for your time, and I am very much looking forward to your response.

John Greenewald, Jr.		

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1 May 2018

Mr. John Greenewald, Jr.	
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Email:	
REF: FOIA Cases F-2016-00130 and F-2017-00088 Appeals	

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is in response to your faxed correspondence dated and received in the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) on 18 April 2018. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), you are appealing the NRO's initial determinations on these cases:

F-2016-00130 - Request for a copy of the NRO Congressional Budget Justification Book for Fiscal Year 1996; and

F-2017-00088 - Request for a copy of the Congressional Budget Justification for FY 2018.

We have accepted your appeals. We will notify you when the NRO Appellate Authority makes a determination regarding each appeal. In the event that we are unable to provide a determination within the 20 working days stipulated by the FOIA, you have the right to consider this a denial of your appeal, and may seek a judicial review in a United States District Court in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended. To preserve your administrative appeal rights, however, we recommend that you allow us sufficient time to continue processing your appeals and respond as soon as we can. You will then have the right to contest any adverse determinations after you receive the final Appellate Authority determinations from us. Unless we hear otherwise from you, we will assume that you agree and will continue processing your FOIA appeals on this basis.

Alternatively, you may pursue mediation through the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways:

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If you have any questions, please call the Requester Service Center at (703) 227-9326 and reference the appeal case number(s) provided herein.

Sincerely,

Patricia B. Cameresi

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11 June 2018

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Mr.	John Greenewald,	Jr.

REF: FOIA Appeal Case F-2016-00130

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is in response to your faxed correspondence dated and received in the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) on 18 April 2018. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), you are appealing the NRO's initial response to your 16 August 2016 request for "a copy of the NRO Congressional Budget Justification Book for Fiscal Year 1996."

As the NRO Appellate Authority, and after a thorough review of this case, I am upholding the NRO's initial determination that the responsive document must be withheld from release in its entirety pursuant to the following FOIA exemptions: (b)(1), as properly classified information under Executive Order 13526, Sections 1.4(c), (e), and (g); and (b)(3), which is the basis for withholding information exempt from disclosure by statute. The relevant withholding statute is 10 U.S.C. § 424, which provides (except as required by the President or for information provided to Congress), that no provision of law shall be construed to require the disclosure of the organization or any function of the NRO; the number of persons employed by or assigned or detailed to the NRO; or the name or official title, occupational series, grade, or salary of any such person.

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You are advised that you are entitled to a judicial review of this determination in a United States District Court in accordance with 5 U.S.C. \$ 552, as amended.

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If you have any questions or you would like to discuss your request, please contact the NRO FOIA Public Liaison, Patricia Cameresi by way of the Requester Service Center at (703) 227-9326 and reference case number **F-2016-00130**.

Sincerely,

Michelle Murphy

Appellate Authority

F-2016-00130 Initial Phase comments	
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08-31-2016, 07:39:55	Tasked the document to HPT for review.	
08-23-2016, 12:07:43	Acceptance letter mailed	
08-19-2016, 09:46:00	signed acceptance letter for	
08-19-2016, 06:08:58	No, that is not the right letter. Try this one.	
08-18-2016, 06:49:21 releasing it in part, is that the correct	the acceptance letter says we found a doc consisting of two pages and we're letter?	(b)(3
08-17-2016, 12:14:14 search in and DID NOT find document into CADRE for us.	I ran a search in and found the original document. I also ran a anything. I created a is going to scan the	
08-17-2016, 10:33:30 signature.	the acceptance letter has been drafted and is ready for review and	

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	06-11-2018, 06:51:39	Added MPT form for final appellate response	
	06-08-2018, 06:28:07	Sent draft appellate letters for determination. Denial determination received.	
	Added to working papers. Updated sent on 11 June.	DIF letters with correct dates and printed. Notified OPA that the denial would be	
	06-06-2018, 09:07:35	Added BPO concur TIER response to working papers	
	05-29-2018, 09:36:18	Added SED Concur TIER Response to working papers	
	05-24-2018, 12:35:41	Added OGC and SEC Concur TIER Responses to working pages	
	05-15-2018, 11:13:23	Consulted with about way ahead, prepared Appeals review action for	
	BPO, OGC, OS&CI and SED		
_	05-09-2018, 01:16:08		(b)(1)
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			(b)(5)
_	05-02-2018, 06:52:29	Acceptance letter sent to requester via umis email.	(b)(3
	05-01-2018, 01:43:59	Letter edited and signed.	
	05-01-2018, 12:16:05	Reviewed appeal acceptance. Reassigned to for review/signature.	
	04-30-2018, 08:27:40	prepared one combined Appeal Acceptance Letter for F-2016-00130 and F-	
	2017-00088. Ready for review/sign		