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#### <u>CERTIFIED MAIL</u> RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. John Greenewald The Black Vault

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request, Headquarters HQ-2010-00130-F/ Savannah River Operations Office SRO-2010-00063-C

This is our final response to your October 20, 2009, FOIA request to the Department of Energy Headquarters. You asked for copies of "all records, electronic or otherwise, pertaining to investigation number 105SR008, "WMD TERROR THREAT; SAVANNAH RIVER SITE; AIKEN, SC." While conducting a search for documents responsive to your request, the Department of Energy Headquarters (DOE-HQ) found two documents originated by the DOE Savannah River Operations Office. Therefore, DOE-HQ transferred Document Numbers 27 and 28 to this office for review and release determination.

The DOE-SR has reviewed the Document Numbers 27 and 28 under the FOIA Statute, 5 U.S.C. 552 and has determined that certain portions of the two documents are protected from release pursuant to Exemptions 6 and 7(C) of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(6).

Exemption 6 exempts from disclosure information about individuals in "[p]ersonnel and medical files and similar files" when the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6); 10 CFR § 1004.10(b)(6). The purpose of Exemption 6 is to "protect individuals from the injury and embarrassment that can result from the unnecessary disclosure of personal information." See Department of State v. Washington Post Co., 456 U.S. 595 (1982). Exemption 7(C) allows an agency to withhold "records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, if release of such law enforcement records or information ... could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy ..." See Nation Magazine v. U.S. Customs Serv., 71 F.3d 885, 896 (D.C. Cir. 1995); U.S.C. § 552 (b)(7)(C); 10 C.F.R. § 1004.10(b)(7)(iii).

Exemption 6 applies to all information that pertains to a particular individual and Exemption 7(C) applies to the information that would cause "a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy." The DOE-SR created the two documents for law enforcement purposes while investigating the alleged "threat to kill." The identity of the individuals named in the two documents clearly pertains to a particular individual. Furthermore, the individuals are entitled to privacy protection to prevent them from being subject to harassment, intimidation and other person intrusions.

DOE must weigh and balance the privacy interest with the public interest in order to determine whether release of the information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. See Reed v. National Labor Relations Board, 927 F.2d 1249 at 1251 (D.C. Cir. 1991), cert. denied, 112 S.Ct. 912 (1992). DOE must determine the extent to which release of the names would further the public interest. The Supreme Court's decision in Department of Justice v. Reporters Committee for Freedom of Press, 489 U.S. 749 (1989) narrowed the scope of the public interest in FOIA. The Court distinguished between the general benefits to the public which may result from the release of information, and those benefits provided the public by the FOIA. The public interest in disclosure must be measured in terms of its relation to the purpose of FOIA, i.e., "public understanding of the operations and activities of the Government." <u>Id.</u> at 775 [quoting 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(4)(A)(iii)]. Only information which contributes significantly to this understanding is within "the ambit of the public interest which the FOIA was enacted to serve." There is a strong privacy interest in the withheld identity of the individuals named in the two documents and the release of this information would not tend to further a public interest. Furthermore, there is no public interest in the identity of the individual named in a law enforcement file, since this information would reveal nothing about the activity of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Office of Counter Intelligence, and the Office of Safeguards, Security and Emergency Services in performing their law enforcement duties.

If you wish to challenge the information withheld, a written appeal must be submitted within 30 calendar days after receipt of this letter denying in part and granting in part the requested information. Written appeals must be submitted to the Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, L'Enfant Plaza Building, Washington, DC, 20585, under 10 CFR § 1004.8, which sets forth the required elements of such appeals. Thereafter, judicial review will be available within the district in which a requester resides, has a principal place of business, in the place in which the records are situated, or in the District of Columbia.

As Chief Counsel, SR, I am the authorizing and denying official for documents responsive to your request. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Pauline Conner at (803) 952-8134, facsimile (803) 952-8542.

Sincerely,

Lucy M. Knowles Authorizing Official

Enclosures

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Adrienne Martin, OIG FOIA/PA Officer (IG-12), HQ



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Opened 07/21/2005 investigation ("Official Use Only (OUO)")

Subject(s): None

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Location:

**Associated Countries:** 

Case Abstract: (OUO) Columbia County Sheriff's Office (CCSQ), Columbia County, Georgia, incident report #05-28259, dated 07/19/2005, reflects the following incident occurred at approximately 1543 hrs. on 07/19/2005:

> retrieved her mail from the mailbox and brought it into her residence. As she was ope the mail (while sitting on her couch) she came across a standard white envelope addressed to her hust Inside the envelope was a letter which contained the following statement: do what I wanted you to do. You failed. I've hired someone to kill you. It's anthrax." then look inside the envelope and found another piece of folded paper. As she retrieved the folded paper, white powder spilled out of the paper and onto her clothing. She then called 911,

> "(OUO) On 07/20/2005, Special Agent (SA) >< Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Atlanta Division, Augusta Resident Agency, telephonically contacted OCI-SRS to request investigative assistance this matter. SA Advised that during the processing of the aforementioned crime scene, contacted another SRS senior manager, X who resides in the same area. Subsequent to t Jetermined he had also received a similar letter.

> (OUO) According to SA 💢 the Georgia Public Health Laboratory in Atlanta, GA is part of the Labora Response Network (LRN) established by the CDC and FBI, and is in receipt of the 🤺 letter for "elimination" analysis only.

letter contained a similar threat but no powder; therefore, was not sent to the LRN TOUG) The

(OUO) SF 💢 advised that this is a joint investigation conducted by the CCSO, U.S. Postal Inspection Service, and the FBI.

Comments: (OUO) Company.

is the current president of Westinghouse Savannah River is the current president of Bechtel Savannah River Incorporated.

-(OUO) During the week of July 18 - 22, 2005, Phase II of the SRS Workforce Restructuring Plan was implemented with notification to terminate employment of approximately 400 employees.

(OUO) Copy of Columbia County Sheriff's Office incident report maintained in hard file.

(OUO) Pursuant to Part III, Section 2.4.1and 2.4.2.6 of the OCI Procedural Guidelines Document dated 12/21/2004, OCI-SRS is initiating captioned investigation in support of the FBI.

**DOE Internal Comments:** 

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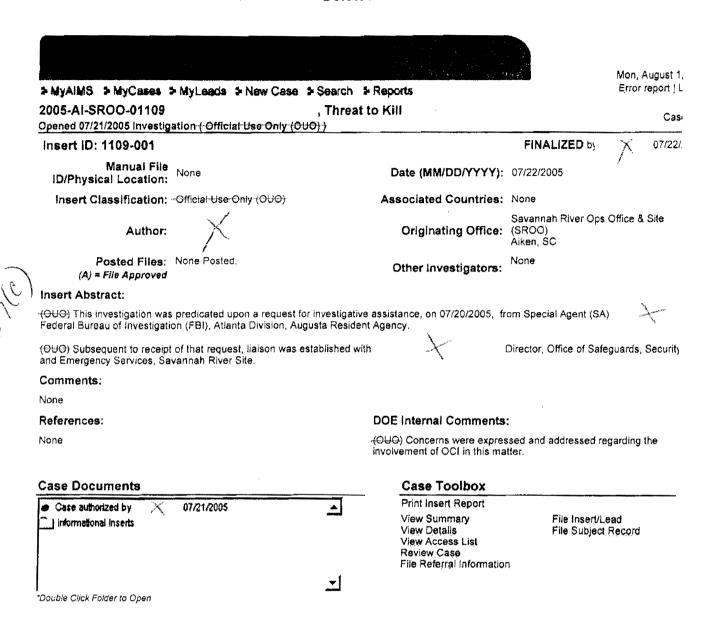
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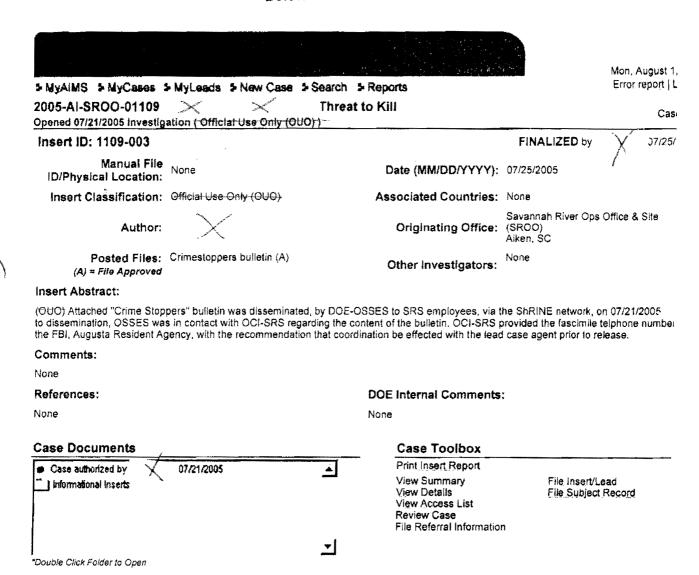
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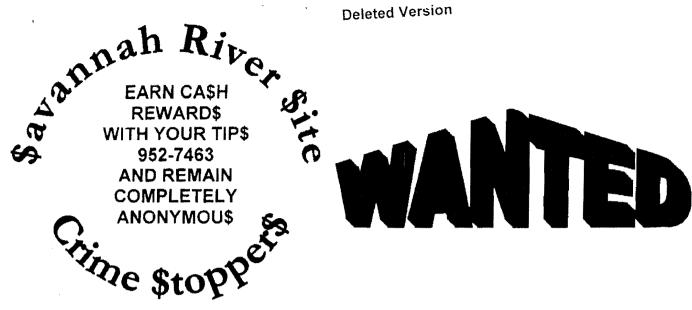
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(OUO) The facts articulated in referenced communication indicate the Sheriff's Office (CCSO) responded with Emergency Medical Service U.S. Postal Inspectors, FBI, and CCSO Investigations. This activity carried full coverage of the events at the scene. The local newspape morning.	s (EMS), Hazmat, and Fire Departri did not go unnoticed by the local me	edia. The local evening	e also made to ti news reports
-(OHO) The publicity surrounding this event, coupled with the serious supportive role to the FBI.	nature of the threat imposed unus	ual requirements on O	Cl vis-a-vis it's
(OUO) As such, with the approval of the FBI, on 07/21/2005, at 1:00 to provide an update on the events. Invitations were extended to the ne following were in attendance:	pm, SCIO convened a mee respective heads of agencies at SF	iting of senior manage RS. Inaddition to SCIO	rs, at SRS, in or
DOE-Office of Safeguards, Security, and Emerg Wackenhut Security International (WSI), Deputy Wackenhut Security International, General Mans Bechtel Savannah River DOE-SR Westinghouse Savannah River Company (WSR DOE-OSS&ES, Director DOE-OSS&ES)	r General Manager ager	Incident Program Mg	
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$\neg(\Theta \cup \Theta)$ Preparatory to participation in the above mentioned meeting, t OCI-SRS in this matter:	the following documents were review	wed concerning the ro	le/responsibility
1 - Executive Order 12333, dated 12/04/1981, Part 2, Section 2.6, ent 2 - Department of Energy Procedures for Intelligence Activities, dated Enforcement Agencies.			Law
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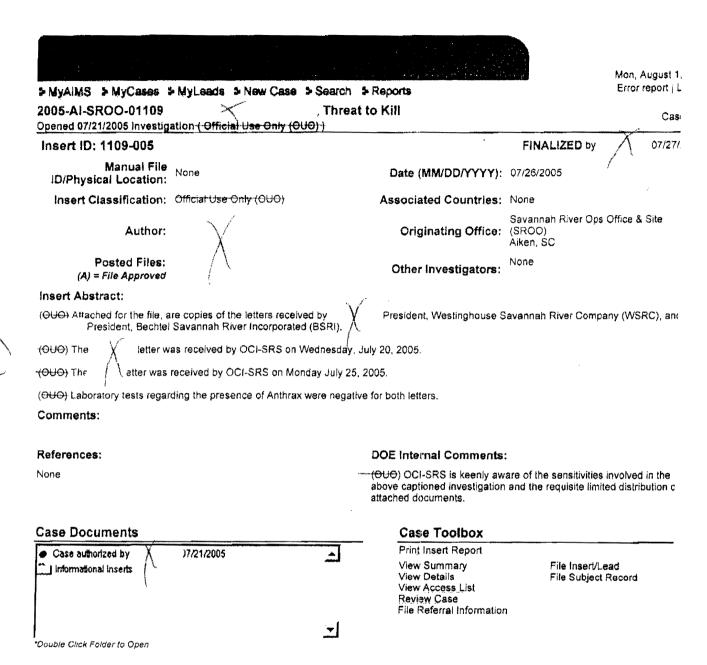
On July 19, 2005 a letter containing a suspicious powder was received at the Martinez, Georgia home of WSRC President

Another suspicious letter of similar content was found a few hours later at the home of President of BSRI.

If you have any information concerning this incident, please contact

## Crime \$topper\$.

Your information is needed and you will remain completely anonymous. information regarding this case or to report any other criminal act occurring on the SRS, please contact: 95 - CRIME STOPPERS (952-7463). You may also contact Crime Stoppers on the site web at http://wsiweb.srs.gov/crimestop/tips.asp your information entered on the web cannot be traced back to you. You will be given a number generated electronically so you may check on the progress of the case and to determine if you are eligible for a cash reward.



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-(⊙UO) Referenced communication reflects the dissemination of a "Crime Stoppers" bulletin, on July 21, 2005, to the employees at the Savanr River Site (SRS).

(⊕⊎⊕) Subsequent to the issuance of the above bulletin, an anonymous tip (see attached) was received via facsimile, on July 26, 2005, by Wackenhut Services Incorporated (WSI), concerning the disseminated information.

Enderal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), nen telephonically contacted Special Agent (SA) (OUO) WSI representative Augusta Resident Agency to report the information. Unon completing his report, SA had notified OCI-SRS of the inquired if by information. Recieving a negative response, SA 🔑 informed Shelt that he (SA would contact OCI-SRS and relay the information.

-(ƏUƏ) On July 26, 2005, at approximately 3:00pm, SA 💥 telephonically provided OCI-SRS a summary of the "tip" information.

(⊕⊎⊕) On July 27, 2005, OCI-SRS telephonically left a message with 🛶 advising him of the information provided by SA requested a hard copy of the facsimile and a return phone call to further discuss the matter.

(OUO) On July 27, 2005, at approximately 9:00am, a copy of the anonymous tip was received at OCI-SRS, via facsimile from

#### Comments:

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#### **DOE Internal Comments:**

(OUO) (DOE OSSES) is a participant in the CSRA CT/WMD Joint Working Group that is coordinated by the FBI and ru As a result of that relationship, coupled with previous communications (email, meetings) regarding who is the point of conat SRS concerning this matter 🤫 Lelephonically contacted S/ 🔀 on Monday July 25, 2005. Subsequent to that call, SA OCI-SRS of the conversation with 🔀 and the fact that he (SA 🔀 conveyed to 💉 that due to the terrorism/wmd aspects of this mat the FBI considers OCI-SRS as the point of contact.

(OUO) It is interesting to note, the aforesaid conversation ( notwithstanding 😾 lever contacted OCI regarding the tip information.

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Savannah River Operations Office
Office of Safeguards, Security and Emergency Services
Emergency Management and Protection Team
Aiken, SC 29802

DATE: July 27, 2005

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#### Provide details about the Incident

Details of Incident:

I had caught a glimpse of a letter on months ago that was addressed to The fist sentence or two had to do with displeasure about the site. I did not have a chance to read much of it, but the strange part was that it was signed at the bottom only as I don't recall any threats, but I didn't get to read much of it. I questioned and casually asked, "so you're writing a memo?". He quickly minimized the document and said, "No, that's a letter from about the layoffs." I believe it was being written in MS Word. I didn't think much of it at the time, but now I believe it may be related to the recent mail incident. Ans been acting nervous and unusual since Monday (7/18/05) last week. It is unusual to write a letter to and I'm certain it was addressed to I wasn't sure about reporting it, since I do not want to falsely accuse someone and it has been a couple months.