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Office of the General Counsel Freedom of Information and Privacy Act Office

May 9, 2016

John F. Greenewald, Jr.

RE: Request Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act - FOIA #16-019

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This letter is an acknowledgement of your undated Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request which the Agency received on February 16, 2016. In your request, you asked for a copy of records, electronic or otherwise, of all news stories printed from our archive with the keyword "UFO" searchable electronically and provided in electronic format.

For tracking purposes, your request has been assigned **Reference Number 16-019**. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence with our office regarding your request. Also, be advised that the Agency processes FOIA requests on a first in, first out basis. For the purposes of assessing fees pursuant to OMB Fee Guidelines, your request was placed in Category II, educational and scientific institutions and news media.

The Agency has located the documents responsive to your request and they are provided on the CD-ROM enclosed with this letter. No information was redacted from the documents, and all responsive documents are being provided to you. There are no chargeable fees associated with this request.

This completes the Agency's response to your request and it is now closed. If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact me at (202) 203-4550 or the Office of the General Counsel at the above address. Currently, inquiries are not accepted via E-mail.

Sincerely,

Andrew T. Krog

FOIA and Privacy Act Officer

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New Zealand has opened up more than 50 years' worth of previously secret air force files on unidentified flying objects, providing a trove of material for those seeking evidence the earth is being visited by aliens.

More than 2,000 pages of material dating from 1952 were released Wednesday in response to requests under freedom of information laws. The names of individuals have been redacted.

The material ranges from dubious reports from individuals claiming to have met aliens in "pharaoh masks" to more difficult-to-explain sightings by airline pilots and air force officers. Officials said Wednesday that the air force has not investigated or substantiated the sightings.

Among the reports is a thick file on a sighting of lights near the New Zealand town of Kaikoura in 1978. The sighting was filmed by a TV New Zealand crew and made international headlines at the time.

The documents quote investigators offering various natural explanations for the lights.

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