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Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D.C. 20505

27 October 2014

Mr. John Greenwald, Jr.
The Black Vault

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Reference: F-2014-01165

Dear Mr. Greenwald:

This is a final response to your 31 March 2014 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for a copy of all records, electronic or otherwise, that pertain to FOIA case F-2013-02231. We processed your request in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, and the CIA Information Act, 50 U.S.C. § 431, as amended. Our processing included a search for records as described in our 13 May 2014 acceptance letter.

We completed a thorough search for records responsive to your request and located one document, consisting of two pages, which can be released in its entirety. A copy of the document is enclosed at Tab A. We also determined that two documents, consisting of six pages, can be released in segregable form with deletions made on the basis of FOIA exemption (b)(3). Copies of the documents and an explanation of exemptions are enclosed at Tab B. Additional material was determined to be currently and properly classified and must be denied in its entirety on the basis of FOIA exemptions (b)(1), (b)(3), and (b)(5). Exemption (b)(3) pertains to information exempt from disclosure by statute. The relevant statutes are Section 6 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, as amended, and Section 102A(i)(1) of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended. As the Acting CIA Information and Privacy Coordinator, I am the CIA official responsible for this determination. You have the right to appeal this response to the Agency Release Panel, in my care, within 45 days from the date of this letter. Please include the basis of your appeal.

Sincerely,

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John Giuffrida

Acting Information and Privacy Coordinator

Enclosures

Tab A

PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION - NOT FOR PUBLIC DISSEMINATION

FOIA Request ID: 1817

FOIA Request submitted by:

John Greenwald

Submitted on: July 22, 2013 : 20:01 - America/New_York

The Black Vault

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United States

Request:

To whom it may concern,

This is a non-commercial request made under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 5 U.S.C. S 552. Pursuant to the U. S. OPEN Records Act of 2007, my FOIA requester status as a "representative of the news media" -- a status entitling me to an unlimited search processing my request, and the first 100 pages free of charge. My work commonly appears on multiple sites throughout the internet, I host and am interviewed on television and radio frequently, am a freelance television producer often working on documentaries related to my FOIA requests, etc.

All documents received will be available in their entirety on <http://www.theblackvault.com>, and prefer electronic delivery of the requested material either via email to john@greenewald.com or via CD-ROM via postal mail. I agree to pay up to 15 dollars for the requested material.

According to a recent article published by MotherJones.com, they state:

"The Central Intelligence Agency is funding a scientific study that will investigate whether humans could use geoengineering to alter Earth's environment and stop climate change. The National Academy of Sciences (NAS) will run the 21-month project, which is the first NAS geoengineering study financially supported by an intelligence agency. With the spooks' money, scientists will study how humans might influence weather patterns, assess the potential dangers of messing with the climate, and investigate possible national security implications of geoengineering attempts.

The total cost of the project is \$630,000, which NAS is splitting with the

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CIA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and NASA. The NAS website says that "the US intelligence community" is funding the project, and William Kearney, a spokesman for NAS, told Mother Jones that phrase refers to the CIA. Edward Price, a spokesman for the CIA, refused to confirm the agency's role in the study, but said, "It's natural that on a subject like climate change the Agency would work with scientists to better understand the phenomenon and its implications on national security." The CIA reportedly closed its research center on climate change and national security last year, after GOP members of Congress argued that the CIA shouldn't be looking at climate change."

I respectfully request a copy of all documents pertaining to the above project on weather modification. I please ask that you include, but do not limit to, all emails, digital records, textual records, letters, memos, reports, photos, videos, etc. that may pertain to this project, pertain to the decision to fund such a project, etc.

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

Sincerely,

John Greenewald, Jr.

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Fee Waiver:

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Tab B

Explanation of Exemptions

Freedom of Information Act:

- (b)(1) exempts from disclosure information currently and properly classified, pursuant to an Executive Order;
- (b)(2) exempts from disclosure information which pertains solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of the Agency;
- (b)(3) exempts from disclosure information that another federal statute protects, provided that the other federal statute either requires that the matters be withheld, or establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld. The (b)(3) statutes upon which the CIA relies include, but are not limited to, the CIA Act of 1949;
- (b)(4) exempts from disclosure trade secrets and commercial or financial information that is obtained from a person and that is privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) exempts from disclosure inter-and intra-agency memoranda or letters that would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) exempts from disclosure information from personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy;
- (b)(7) exempts from disclosure information compiled for law enforcement purposes to the extent that the production of the information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings; (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication; (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy; (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source or, in the case of information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source ; (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law; or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger any individual's life or physical safety;
- (b)(8) exempts from disclosure information contained in reports or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, or on behalf of, or for use of an agency responsible for regulating or supervising financial institutions; and
- (b)(9) exempts from disclosure geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

April 2012

Central Intelligence Agency



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PUBLIC DISSEMINATION

Washington, D.C. 20505

9 August 2013

Mr. John Greenwald
[REDACTED]
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Reference: F-2013-02231

Dear Mr. Greenwald:

This is a final response to your 22 July 2013 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received in the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator on 23 July 2013, for what we interpret as a request for all documents pertaining to a project on weather modification as described in two paragraphs of your request. We have assigned your request the reference number above. Please use this number when corresponding so that we can identify it easily.

In accordance with section 3.6(a) of Executive Order 13526, the CIA can neither confirm nor deny the existence or nonexistence of records responsive to your request. The fact of the existence or nonexistence of requested records is currently and properly classified and is intelligence sources and methods information that is protected from disclosure by section 6 of the CIA Act of 1949, as amended, and section 102A(i)(1) of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended. Therefore, your request is denied pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3). I have enclosed an explanation of these exemptions for your reference and retention. As the CIA Information and Privacy Coordinator, I am the CIA official responsible for this determination. You have the right to appeal this response to the Agency Release Panel, in my care, within 45 days from the date of this letter. Please include the basis of your appeal.

Sincerely,

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Michele Mecks
Information and Privacy Coordinator

Enclosure

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Name: JOHN GREENEWALD

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		8	F-2010-00699	THE CHARTER FOR THE CIA CENTER ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND NATIONAL SECURITY	OPENA	
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	5	F-1990-00061	INFO ON USSR WEATHER MODIFICATION PROGRAM	CLOSED	GIP
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	7	F-2010-00096	RECORDS PERTAINING TO "WEATHER MODIFICATION" AS WELL AS "THE REPORT FROM IRON MOUNTAIN"	CLOSED	GIP

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