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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
UNITED STATES ARMY INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY COMMAND
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY OFFICE
FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MARYLAND 20755-5995

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

Freedom of Information/
Privacy Office

25 SEP 2013

Mr. John Greenewald, Jr.
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is in further response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of January 20, 2013, to the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) for records pertaining to Operation Gladio and supplements our letter dated August 22, 2013.

We have completed a mandatory declassification review of the referred records in accordance with Executive Order 13526. As a result of this review, it has been determined that the Army-originated records no longer warrant security classification protection and are partially releasable.

Information has been sanitized since the release of the information contained in the record would reveal sensitive intelligence methods and techniques, it is also exempt from public disclosure provision, pursuant to Title 5 U.S. Code 552 (b)(7)(E) of the FOIA. The significant and legitimate governmental purpose to be served by withholding is that a viable effective intelligence investigative capability is dependent upon protection of sensitive investigative methodologies.

The withholding of the information described above is a partial denial of your request. This denial is made on behalf of Major General Stephen G. Fogarty, Commanding, U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command, who is the Initial Denial Authority for Army intelligence investigative and security records under the Freedom of Information Act and may be appealed to the Secretary of the Army. If you decide to appeal at this time, your appeal must be post marked no later than 60 calendar days from the date of our letter. After the 60-day period, the case may be considered closed; however, such closure does not preclude you from filing litigation in the courts. You should state the basis for your disagreement with the response and you should provide justification for reconsideration of the denial. An appeal may not serve as a request for additional or new information. An appeal may only address information denied in this response. Your appeal is to be made to this office to the below listed address for forwarding, as appropriate, to the Secretary of the Army, Office of the General Counsel.

Commander
U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command
Freedom of Information/Privacy Office (APPEAL)
4552 Pike Road
Fort George G. Meade, Maryland 20755-5995

There are no assessable FOIA fees for processing this request.

If you have any questions regarding this action, contact this office at 1-866-548-5651, or email the INSCOM FOIA office at usarmy.meade.902-mi-grp.mbx.inscom-foia-service-center@mail.mil and refer to case #3618F-13.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad S. Dorris", with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.

Brad S. Dorris
Director
Freedom of Information/Privacy Office
Investigative Records Repository

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SERIAL: (U) IIR 2 216 1014 91.

BODY

COUNTRY: (U) ITALY (IT) (U).

SUBJ: IIR 2 216 1014 91/NATO "GLADIO" STAY-BEHIND STRUCTURE IN ITALY (U).

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

DOI: (U) 910226.

REQS: (U) (b)(7)(E)

SOURCE: ~~(S/NF/WN)~~ ^(u) //2 212 1060//SOURCE IS A HIGH LEVEL ITALIAN RESERVE OFFICER WHO HAS PROVIDED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST.

SUMMARY: ~~(S/NF/WN)~~ ^(u) THIS REPORT PROVIDES INFORMATION ON THE NATO STAY-BEHIND STRUCTURE IN ITALY KNOWN AS "GLADIO". ENCLOSURE.

TEXT: (U)

~~(S/NF/WN)~~ ^(u) THE DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION ON -- THE STAY-BEHIND AGREEMENTS; ITALIAN PARTICIPATION; THE "GLADIO" OPERATION; THE ARMS DEPOSITE KNOWN AS "NASCO"; "GLADIO" BUDGET; DISMANTLING THE ORGANIZATION; THE MOST RECENT DEVELOPMENTS OF THE "GLADIO" AFFAIR; THE SITUATION IN OTHER COUNTRIES+ THE JUDICIARY INVESTIGATIONS; CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THE "GLADIO" STRUCTURE AND THE "SOLO" PLAN; A LIST OF ALL THE MEMBERS DIVIDED BY REGION AND FINALLY THE VIEWS OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF ITALY ON THE LEGITTIMACY OF THE "GLADIO" STRUCTURE.

COMMENTS ~~(S/NF/WN)~~ ^(u) THE ENCLOSURE IS CLASSIFIED SECRET/NF/WN. WHEN SEPARATED FROM THE INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT THE DOCUMENT IS UNCLASSIFIED.

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SERIAL: (U) IIR 2 216 1002 94

/***** THIS IS A COMBINED MESSAGE *****/

BODY

COUNTRY: (U) ITALY (IT).

(U) SUBJECT: IIR 2 216 1002 94/ SISMI PERSONNEL CHANGES (U)

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

DOI: (U) 931009 - 931014.

REQS: (U) (b)(7)(E)

SOURCE: (U) MULTIPLE, SEE PARAS 1 AND 4.

SUMMARY: (U) RECENTLY ANNOUNCED SISMI PERSONNEL CHANGES WILL RESULT
IN THE CLOSING OF A TRAINING BASE AND REDUCTION IN PERSONNEL.

TEXT: (U)

1. (U) SOURCE FOR PARAGRAPH 2 AND 3 IS ITALIAN NEWS MEDIA.
2. (U) ON 8 OCT 93 THE GATES OF SISMI'S ULTRA SECRET TRAINING BASE
IN SARDINIA WERE OPENED TO MEMBERS OF THE ITALIAN NEWS MEDIA WHO WERE
BRIEFED AND GIVEN A TOUR OF THE TORRE POGLINA TRAINING BASE LOCATED
AT CAPO' MARRARGIU.
3. (U) DURING THE MEDIA BRIEFING AT WHICH ITALIAN DEFENSE MINISTER
FABBRI AND SISMI DIRECTOR, LTG PUCCI PARTICIPATED, SISMI ANNOUNCED
THAT IT WOULD CEASE ALL TRAINING THERE AND THAT THE BASE WOULD BE
RETURNED TO THE ITALIAN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE FOR DISPOSITION. THIS
SAME NEWSPAPER ARTICLE REPORTED THAT SISMI WAS UNDERGOING AN
EXTENSIVE INTERNAL REORGANIZATION WHICH WILL RESULT IN THE
ELIMINATION OF THE 7TH DIVISION (**OPERATION GLADIO**), AN INTERNAL
RESUFFLE WITH KEY STAFF CHANGES AND THE ELIMINATION OF SOME 300
PERSONNEL.
4. (U) SOURCE FOR PARAGRAPH 4 AND 5 IS //2 218 0033//. SOURCE
IS A MEMBER OF AN ITALIAN SECURITY SERVICE WHO HAS ROUTINE ACCESS TO
THIS INFORMATION AND HAS REPORTED RELIABLY IN THE PAST.

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5. ~~(S/NF/WN)~~ ^(U) SOURCE CONFIRMED THE CLOSING OF THE TRAINING BASE IN SARDINIA AND SOME STAFF CHANGES BUT ADDED THAT A REDUCTION IN PERSONNEL HAS BEEN QUIETLY GOING ON SINCE GENERAL PUCCI'S ARRIVAL. THE SHUTTING DOWN OF THE TORRE POGLINA TRAINING BASE IS AN OBVIOUS POLITICAL ATTEMPT BY PUCCI TO FORMALLY CLOSE THE CHAPTER ON THE **GLADIO** OPERATION (**NATO STAY BEHIND**) WHICH CONTINUES TO PROVOKE CRITICISM AND EMBARRASMENT FOR SISMI FROM LEFTIST POLITICIANS DEMANDING REFORM, SOME OF WHOM ARE MEMBERS OF THE INFLUENTIAL PARLEMENTARY CONTROL COMMITTEES. SOURCE FEELS THAT PUCCI HAS BEEN GIVEN A MANDATE TO RESTRUCTURE SISMI NOT ONLY TO REGAIN CREDABILITY BUT ALSO TO MODERNIZE IT TO ACCOMMODATE HIS SHRINKING BUDGET AND ALIGN IT WITH RECENT WORLD EVENTS AND ITALY'S CHANGING SECURITY REQUIREMENTS. CONCERNING THE RESUFFLE AND PERSONNEL REDUCTIONS, COLONEL BARTOLOMEO LOMBARDO, THE FORMER CHIEF OF THE 1ST DIVISION HAS NOT BEEN FIRED OR FORCED TO RETIRE. HE NOW HEADS THE FIRST DIRECTORATE WHICH IS A POSITION OF MORE AUTHORITY AND GREATER RESPONSIBILITY. THE REDUCTION IN PERSONNEL AS REPORTED BY THE ITALIAN PRESS WILL MAINLY OCCUR WITH THE ELIMINATION OF THE 7TH DIVISION AND THE CLOSING OF THE SARDINIAN TRAINING BASE. SISMI, HOWEVER, HAS ALSO HALTED SERVICE EXTENSIONS BEYOND MAXIMUM RETIREMENT AGE AND IS SELECTIVELY VACATING SOME PREVIOUSLY APPROVED EXTENSIONS. SOURCE CLAIMS THIS IS BEING DONE TO ENABLE THEM TO RECRUIT YOUNGER AGENTS WITH MORE FORMAL EDUCATION, WHICH SISMI CLAIMS WILL EVENTUALLY PRODUCE A MORE PROFESSIONAL FORCE.

6. FIELD COMMENTS. ~~(S/NF/WN)~~ ^(U) WITH THE ANNOUNCED PROGRAMMED REDUCTIONS IN FUTURE ITALIAN DEFENSE SPENDING AND THE CURRENT PRIME MINISTER'S SUCCESS IN REDUCING GOVERNMENT WASTE AND OPERATING COSTS, SISMI AS WELL AS SISDE ARE UNDER CONSTANT PRESSURE TO REFORM AND BECOME MORE EFFICIENT. BY CALLING THIS PRESS CONFERENCE AND ANNOUNCING THESE REDUCTIONS, GENERAL PUCCI APPEARS TO BE TAKING THE INITIATIVE IN AN ATTEMPT TO SATISFY BOTH POLITICAL AS WELL AS BUDGETARY PRESSURES, RATHER THAN FOR WHAT SISMI PERCEIVES TO BE, A LESS THREATENED WORLD.

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