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**UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND**  
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20 November 2013

Mr. John Greenewald, Jr.  
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Greenewald,

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for any records related to Operation Earnest Voice including reports, proposals, contracts, memos, letters, emails, etc.

A thorough and good faith search was conducted, and USCENCOM located 13 responsive pages. After reviewing the information, I am withholding all 13 pages in their entirety. The withheld information is exempt from release pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1), applying Executive Order 13526, Classified National Security Information, sections 1.4(a) military plans, weapons systems, or operations; 1.4(c) intelligence activities, intelligence sources or methods, or cryptology; 1.4(d) foreign relations or foreign activities of the United States, including confidential sources; 1.4(e) scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to the national security; and, 1.4(g) vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to the national security. Additional information is withheld pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5) intra-agency or inter-agency memorandum; (b)(6) personal privacy interests; and, (b)(7)(E) techniques, procedures, guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions which could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law.

Accordingly, in my capacity as the Initial Denial Authority, by withholding this information, I am fully denying your request. There are no fees for processing this request since chargeable cost fell below \$15. If you are not satisfied with this action, you may appeal to the appellate authority, the Director of Administration and Management, Office of the Secretary of Defense. To submit your appeal, please write directly to the Defense Freedom of Information Policy Office, Attn: Mr. James Hogan, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington DC 20301-1155. Please postmark your appeal within 60 calendar days from the date of this letter, cite USCENCOM case #13-0320, and clearly mark "Freedom of Information Act Appeal" on your appeal letter.

If you have any questions regarding your inquiry, please contact my FOIA Requester Service Center at (813) 827-1810, [foiaoffice@centcom.mil](mailto:foiaoffice@centcom.mil) and refer to case #13-0320.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael X. Garrett".

MICHAEL X. GARRETT  
Major General, U.S. Army



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11 April 2014

Mr. John Greenewald, Jr.



Dear Mr. Greenewald,

We received your 31 March 2014 request for a Mandatory Declassification Review (MDR). This Command determined that your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request was denied in full on 20 November 2013. At that time, you were given appeal rights for your request under the FOIA program. An individual cannot apply under another program because of a belief or opinion that something should be released under the FOIA; Executive Order 13526 governs against it. Specifically, documents are exempt from review under Executive Order 13526, section 3.5(3) (d), which states, "if an agency has reviewed the requested information for declassification within the past 2 years, the agency need not conduct another review and may instead inform the requester of this fact and the prior review decision, and advise the requester of appeal rights provided under subsection (e) of this section." There is no appeal under the MDR.

If you have any questions, please contact my Declassification Management Section at (813) 529-6673/6297 or [declassmgmt@centcom.mil](mailto:declassmgmt@centcom.mil).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert H. Bennett", is positioned above the typed name.

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Enclosure:  
Original FOIA Request