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Ref: 17-F-0621

Mr. John Greenwald  
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Dear Mr. Greenwald:

This is the final response to your enclosed Freedom of Information Act request dated February 27, 2017, a copy of which is attached for your convenience. We received your request on February 28, 2017, and assigned it case number 17-F-0621. We ask that you use this number when referring to your request.

The Basic Research Office of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering (R&E), conducted a search of their records systems and located 38 pages, determined to be responsive to your request. Dr. Robin Staffin, Director for Basic Research, an Initial Denial Authority for R&E, has determined that the information which has been redacted from the enclosed 38 pages has been withheld pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6), which applies to information that, if released, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of third parties. Please note that there was another FOIA request for the same information and for that reason the documents provided have another FOIA case number on them.

In this instance, fees for processing your request were below the threshold for requiring payment. Please note that fees may be assessed on future requests.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you may contact our OSD FOIA Public Liaison, Jim Hogan, at 571-372-0462 or by email at [OSD.FOIALiaison@mail.mil](mailto:OSD.FOIALiaison@mail.mil). Also, please note that the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) offers services to requesters who have disputes with Federal agencies. You may contact OGIS if you have concerns about the processing of your request. Their contact information is provided below:

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You have the right to appeal to the appellate authority, Ms. Joo Chung, Director of Oversight and Compliance, Office of the Secretary of Defense, by writing directly to ODCMO Directorate for Oversight and Compliance, 4800 Mark Center Drive, ATTN: DPCLTD, FOIA Appeals, Mailbox# 24, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700. Your appeal must be postmarked within 90 calendar days of the date of this response. Alternatively, you may use the OSD FOIA request portal at <http://pal.whs.mil/palMain.aspx> or email your appeal to [osd.foia-appeal@mail.mil](mailto:osd.foia-appeal@mail.mil). If you use email, please include the words "FOIA Appeal" in the subject of the email. Please also reference case number 17-F-0621 in any appeal correspondence.

If you have any questions about the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact the Action Officer assigned to your request Mr. Charles Marye at [charles.c.marye.civ@mail.mil](mailto:charles.c.marye.civ@mail.mil) or (571) 372-0407.

Sincerely,

*for Charles C. Marye*

Stephanie L. Carr  
Chief

Enclosures:  
As stated