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NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

14675 Lee Road
Chantilly, VA 20151-1715

10 November 2010

John Greenewald, Jr.
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is in response to your email, dated 17 June 2009, received in the Information Management Services Center of the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) on 17 June 2008. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), you are requesting the copies of, "...the 5 oldest OPEN FOIA case/requests on record. Please include all letters of correspondence to and from the requesters, all interagency memos/communications, a search of all electronic records, etc...."

Your request was processed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended. A thorough search of our files and databases located five records responsive to your request totaling 190 pages. These records are being released to you in part.

The material being withheld is denied pursuant to FOIA exemptions:

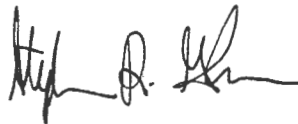
- (b)(1) as properly classified information under Executive Order 12958, Section 1.4(c);
- (b)(3) which allows the withholding of information prohibited from disclosure by statute, 10 U.S.C. § 424 which states: "Except as required by the President or as provided in subsection (c), no provision of law shall be construed to require the disclosure of (1) The organization or any function . . . (2) . . . number of persons employed by or assigned or detailed to any such organization or the name, official title, occupational series, grade, or salary of any such person . . . (b) Covered Organizations . . . the National Reconnaissance Office;" and
- (b)(6) which applies to records which, if released, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of individuals.

The FOIA authorizes federal agencies to assess fees for record services. Based upon the information provided, you have been placed in the "educational/scientific/media" category of requesters, which means you are responsible for duplication fees (.15 per page) exceeding 100 pages. Additional information about fees can be found on our website at www.nro.gov. No assessable fees have been incurred in this case.

You have the right to appeal this determination by addressing your appeal to the NRO Appeal Authority, 14675 Lee Road, Chantilly, VA 20151-1715, within 60 days of the date of this letter. Should you decide to do so, please explain the basis of your appeal.

If you have any questions, please call the Requester Service Center at (703) 227-9326 and reference case number F09-0093.

Sincerely,



Stephen R. Glenn
Chief, Information Access
and Release Team

Enclosures:

- 1) Correspondence for the NRO's 5 oldest OPEN FOIA cases:
 - F02-0001
 - F03-0033
 - F06-0057
 - F06-0072
 - F07-0088

F02-0001



NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

14675 Lee Road
Chantilly, VA 20151-1715

2 October 2001

Information Access and Release Center
(703) 808-5029

Mr. Jeffrey T. Richelson
3201 Landover Street, #1404
Alexandria, VA 22305

Dear Mr. Richelson:

This is in response to your letter, dated 29 September 2001, received in the Information Access and Release Center of the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) on 2 October 2001. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), you are requesting " . . . Final Reports of the DNRO"

We have accepted your request. It will be processed in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended.

Since we may not respond within the 20 working days stipulated by the Act, you have the right to consider this as a denial and may appeal to the NRO Appeal Review Panel. It would seem more reasonable, however, to have us continue processing your request and respond as soon as we can. You can appeal any denial of records at that time. Unless we hear from you otherwise, we will assume that you agree, and will proceed on this basis.

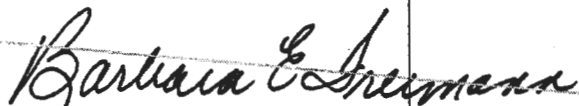
You have the right to appeal this determination by addressing your appeal to the NRO Appeal Authority, 14675 Lee Road, Chantilly, VA 20151-1715 within 60 days of the above date. Should you decide to do this, please explain the basis of your appeal.

As you are aware, the FOIA authorizes federal agencies to assess fees for record services. Based upon the information you provided, you have been placed into the "other" category, which means that a requester is responsible for search in excess of two hours and reproduction costs in excess of 100 pages.

Please be advised regarding your request for a fee waiver that fee waivers or reductions are granted when there is a public interest in disclosure of information, which will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of the operations or activities of the NRO. A decision to waive or reduce fees cannot be made until after responsive documents to be disclosed have been reviewed for "public interest."

For reference purposes, your request has been assigned case number F02-0001. If you have any questions, please call me at (703) 808-5029 and reference your case number.

Sincerely,



Barbara E. Freimann
Chief, Information Access and
Release Center

24 October 2001

MEMORANDUM FOR INFORMATION DECLASSIFICATION AND REVIEW
CENTER

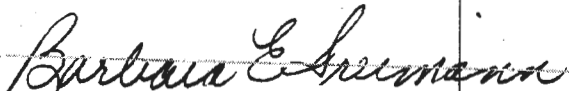
ATTENTION: (b)(3), (b)(6)

SUBJECT: FOIA Request - F02-0001

We have received a request from Jeffrey Richelson for specific memoranda noted in his attached request. We have located four of the documents which are twenty-five years or older.

Please review the documents attached for declassification, indicating what portions require continued protection.

If you have any questions, please call me at (b)(3), (b)(6) and reference case number F02-0001.



Barbara E. Freimann
Chief, Information
Access and Release Center

Attachments:
Request Letter
DNRO Final Reports:
1963, 1965, 1969, & 1972

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NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

7 February 2002

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
ATTENTION: (b)(6)

SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Request--Mr. Jeffrey Richelson
(NRO FOIA Case F02-0001)

In our search for records responsive to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request from Mr. Jeffrey Richelson, dated 29 September 2001 (Tab A), the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) has identified five documents responsive to his request which may contain Community Management Staff equities. These documents are being provided to you for coordination and return to us for release to the requester. These records are also being coordinated with the Defense Intelligence Agency, the Central Intelligence Agency, and the National Security Agency.

We are providing a sanitized copy of these documents with NRO equities redacted (Tab B). The information will be withheld pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(1), information that is currently and properly classified pursuant to Executive Order 12958, Section 1.5(c), which protects intelligence activities (including special activities), intelligence sources or methods, or cryptology. Please review these records identifying any additional material you feel should be withheld pursuant to the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552.

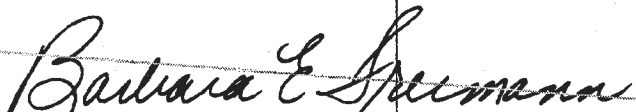
Per Department of Justice guidance, agencies are encouraged to place coordination and/or referrals in their queue based on the date of the initial request, in this instance, September 2001.

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If you have any questions, please call me at (703) 808-5029
and reference Case Number F02-0001.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Barbara E. Freimann".

Barbara E. Freimann
Chief, Information Access and
Release Center

Attachments:

Final Reports of D/NRO from
1963, 1965, 1969, 1972, and 1979

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NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

7 February 2002

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, INFORMATION
REVIEW OFFICE
ATTENTION: (b)(6)

SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Request--Mr. Jeffrey Richelson
(NRO FOIA Case F02-0001)

In our search for records responsive to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request from Mr. Jeffrey Richelson, dated 29 September 2001 (Tab A), the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) has identified five documents responsive to his request which may contain Central Intelligence Agency equities. These documents are being provided to you for coordination and return to us for release to the requester. These records are also being coordinated with the Defense Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency, and the Community Management Staff.

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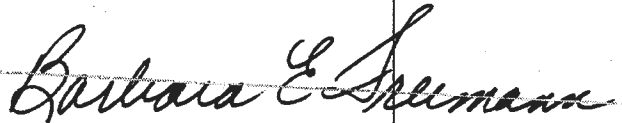
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If you have any questions, please call me at (703) 808-5029
and reference Case Number F02-0001.



Barbara E. Freimann
Chief, Information Access and
Release Center

Attachments:
Final Reports of D/NRO
from 1963, 1965, 1969, 1972, and 1979

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NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

7 February 2002

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, INFORMATION
REVIEW OFFICE

ATTENTION: (b)(6)

SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Request--Mr. Jeffrey Richelson
(NRO FOIA Case F02-0001)

In our search for records responsive to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request from Mr. Jeffrey Richelson, dated 29 September 2001 (Tab A), the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) has identified one document responsive to his request which may contain Defense Intelligence Agency equities. This document is being provided to you for coordination and return to us for release to the requester. This record is also being coordinated with the Central Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency, and the Community Management Staff.

We are providing a sanitized copy of this document with NRO equities redacted (Tab B). The information will be withheld pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(1), information that is currently and properly classified pursuant to Executive Order 12958, Section 1.5(c), which protects intelligence activities (including special activities), intelligence sources or methods, or cryptology. Please review these records identifying any additional material you feel should be withheld pursuant to the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552.

Per Department of Justice guidance, agencies are encouraged to place coordination and/or referrals in their queue based on the date of the initial request, in this instance, September 2001.

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CL REASON: 1.5(c)
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If you have any questions, please call me at (703) 808-5029
and reference Case Number F02-0001.



Barbara E. Freimann
Chief, Information Access and
Release Center

Attachment:
Final Report of D/NRO from 1969

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NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

7 February 2002

MEMORANDUM FOR THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, OFFICE OF INFORMATION
POLICY

ATTENTION: (b)(6)

SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Request--Mr. Jeffrey Richelson
(NRO FOIA Case F02-0001)

In our search for records responsive to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request from Mr. Jeffrey Richelson, dated 29 September 2001 (Tab A), the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) has identified one document responsive to his request which may contain National Security Agency equities. This document is being provided to you for coordination and return to us for release to the requester. This record is also being coordinated with the Central Intelligence Agency, the Defense Intelligence Agency, and the Community Management Staff.

We are providing a sanitized copy of this document with NRO equities redacted (Tab B). The information will be withheld pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(1), information that is currently and properly classified pursuant to Executive Order 12958, Section 1.5(c), which protects intelligence activities (including special activities), intelligence sources or methods, or cryptology. Please review these records identifying any additional material you feel should be withheld pursuant to the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552.

Per Department of Justice guidance, agencies are encouraged to place coordination and/or referrals in their queue based on the date of the initial request, in this instance, September 2001.

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If you have any questions, please call me at (703) 808-5029
and reference Case Number F02-0001.

Barbara E. Freimann

Barbara E. Freimann
Chief, Information Access and
Release Center

Attachment:
Final Report of D/NRO from 1969

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NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

14675 Lee Road
Chantilly, VA 20151-1715

21 May 2003

Information Access and Release Center
(703) 808-5029

Jeffrey T. Richelson
3201 Landover Street, #1404
Alexandria, VA 22305

Reference: FOIA Case No. F02-0001

Dear Mr. Richelson:

This is in response to your letter, dated 29 September 2001, received in the Information Access and Release Center of the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) on 2 October 2001. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), you are requesting " Final Reports of the DNRO".

According to the Intelligence Authorization Act of 2003, Section 502, operational files of the NRO are exempt from the publication, disclosure, search, and review provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. §552. As such, the files that would contain responsive records, if any exist, are not subject to search in response to your request.

You have the right to appeal this determination by addressing your appeal to the NRO Appeal Authority, 14675 Lee Road, Chantilly, VA 20151-1715 within 60 days of the above date. Should you decide to do this, please explain the basis of your appeal.

If you have any questions, please call me at (703) 808-5029 and reference your case number.

Sincerely,


Barbara E. Freimann

JEFFREY T. RICHELSON

3201 Landover Street, #1404

Alexandria, VA 22305

F02-0001
NRO Approved for Release

June 12, 2003

NRO Appeal Authority
14675 Lee Road
Chantilly, Va. 20151-1715

This letter appeals the NRO's response of 21 May 2003 to my FOIA request (F02-0001) of 29 September 2001 for copies of:

John McLucas, "Final Report of the DNRO," 1973.
Hans Mark, "Final Report of the DNRO," October 1979

The NRO has denied the request in its entirety on the grounds that any responsive records are part of the NRO's operational files, and therefore "not subject to search." A copy of the denial letter is attached.

I believe that use of the operational files exemption to deny my request, without search and review, is completely inappropriate. NRO operational files are defined as "files ... that document the means by which foreign intelligence or counterintelligence is collected through scientific and technical systems."

The requested documents are historical documents that concern a variety of matters, including organizational. At least one of the documents (McLucas) is also likely to contain significant data on already declassified and/or obsolete (as specified by the DCI and NRO) collection systems - including the U-2 and Corona.

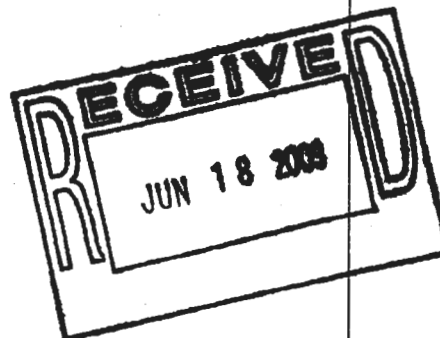
Reports by earlier DNRO's have already been released in part, in response to earlier FOIA requests. Those documents are enclosed to illustrate the nature of such reports. For example, Brockway McMillan's 1965 report to the Secretary of Defense contains information on the A-12 and SR-71, as well as a discussion of the 1965 NRO Agreement, the job of the DNRO, and organizational problems.

Finally, I would note that the "NRO and the FOIA" section of the NRO's web site states that "The goal of the FOIA office of the NRO is to release as much information as possible, consistent with the need to protect information" and "where discretionary releases can be made without causing harm, the Chief Information Access and Release Center, as the initial denial authority, and the NRO Chief of Staff, as the appeal authority, use their discretion to release information even where an exemption may be available." To refuse to review the documents requested and release information that would be disclosed without harm would not be consistent with the NRO's own stated information release policy.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey T. Richelson





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NRO Approved for Release

NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

18 May 2004

MEMORANDUM FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, DIRECTORATE FOR FREEDOM
OF INFORMATION AND SECURITY REVIEW
ATTENTION: (b)(6)

SUBJECT: (U) NRO FOIA Case F02-0001--Mr. Jeffrey Richelson

(U) In our search for records responsive to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request from Mr. Jeffrey Richelson, dated 29 September 2001 (Tab A), the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) has identified five documents responsive to his request which may contain Department of Defense equities. These documents are being provided to you for coordination and return to us for release to the requester. These records have been coordinated with the Central Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency, and the Community Management Staff.

(U) We are providing a sanitized copy of this document with NRO equities redacted (Tab B). The information will be withheld pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(1), information that is currently and properly classified pursuant to Executive Order 12958, Section 1.5(c), which protects intelligence activities (including special activities), intelligence sources or methods, or cryptology. Please review these records identifying any additional material you feel should be withheld pursuant to the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552.

(U) Per Department of Justice guidance, agencies are encouraged to place coordination and/or referrals in their queue based on the date of the initial request, in this instance, September 2001.

(U) If you have any questions, please call me, Acting Chief, Information Access and Release Center on (703) 227-9128 and reference case number F02-0001.

Linda S. Hathaway
Acting Chief, Information Access
and Release Center

Attachments:

1. (U) Rpt of D/NRO 1963
2. (U) Rpt of D/NRO 1965
3. (U) Rpt of D/NRO 1969
4. (U) Rpt of D/NRO 1972
5. (U) Rpt of D/NRO 1979

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(b)(2), (b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2006 1:41 PM
To: (b)(2), (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Status of Case Coordinations

Hi: These cases are still open in this Office as we are awaiting responses for OSD/JS components. I will check into this further and get back to you.

Thanks,

(b)(6)

Chief

FOIA/PA Branch

Office of Freedom of Information

(b)(6)

From: (b)(2), (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2006 12:18 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: Status of Case Coordinations

Hi (b)(6)

When you have an opportunity would you please provide updates to the following cases submitted for coordination to your agency?

OFISR Case # 05-F-0531

F03.0033

OFISR Case # 05-F-0615

F04.0101

OFISR Case # 04-F-1898(A)

F03.0037

F03.0072

F04.0069

Thanks for your assistance.

(b)(3), (b)(6)
b(3), (b)(6)

From: (b)(3), (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2006 1:23 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: foia@nro.mil
Subject: Status of Case Coordinations

Hi (b)(6)

When you have an opportunity would you please provide updates to the following cases submitted for coordination to your agency:

OFISR Case # 05-F-0531
OFISR Case # 05-F-0615
OFISR Case # 04-F-1898(A)
OFISR Case # 04-F-2166

F03-6033
F04-6101
F03-0257, F03-0072, F04-6069
E02-0001

Thanks for your assistance

(b)(3), (b)(6)
FOIA Case Analyst

(b)(3), (b)(6)

(b)(2), (b)(6)

From: (b)(2), (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, March 09, 2007 4:50 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: FOIA
Subject: Status of Case Coordinations

Hi (b)(6)

When you have an opportunity would you please provide updates to the following cases submitted for coordination to your agency:

OFISR Case # 05-F-0531
OFISR Case # 05-F-0615
OFISR Case #04-F-1898(A)
OFISR Case #04-F-2166

Thanks for your assistance

(b)(2), (b)(6)
FOIA Case Analyst

(b)(2), (b)(6)

From: (b)(2), (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2007 2:00 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: FOIA
Subject: RE: Status of Case Coordinations

Hello (b)(6)

Please provide updates to the following cases submitted for coordination to your agency:

OFISR Case # 05-F-0531
OFISR Case # 05-F-0615
OFISR Case #04-F-1898(A)
OFISR Case #04-F-2166

Thanks for your assistance

(b)(2), (b)(6)
FOIA Case Analyst
(b)(2), (b)(6)

(b)(3), (b)(6)

From: (b)(2), (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2007 2:44 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: FOIA
Subject: RE: Status of Case Coordinations

Hello (b)(6),

Please provide updates to the following cases submitted for coordination to your agency:

OFISR Case # 05-F-0531
OFISR Case # 05-F-0615
OFISR Case #04-F-1898(A)
OFISR Case #04-F-2166

Thanks for your assistance

(b)(3), (b)(6)
FOIA Case Analyst

(b)(3), (b)(6)

F02-0001

(b)(3), (b)(6)

From: (b)(3), (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 12:38 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: FOIA
Subject: Request for status on NRO cases

(b)(6) thank you so much for filling me in on what's going on there . . . and for volunteering to check the status of some cases.

We have three that we'd like to update:

NRO Case # F04-0101 - IG Report on Responsibilities of the Director, NRO
OFISR Case #05-F-0615
 Sent on 17 May 2004
 Requester - Richelson

NRO Case # F03-0033 (APPEAL) - MOUs
OFISR Case #05-F-0531
 Sent on 13 May 2005
 Requester: Ravnitzky

NRO Case # F02-0001 (APPEAL) - Final Report of the DNRO
OFISR Case # 04-F-2166
 Sent on 18 May 2004
 Requester: Richelson

Not Responsive

Thanks again!

Let me know if there is anything else you need.

(b)(3), (b)(6)
Information Access and Release
 (b)(3), (b)(6)

(b)(2), (b)(6)

From: (b)(2), (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2008 8:55 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: FOIA
Subject: Request for status on NRO cases

Good morning.

We were hoping to get some information on the status of these cases:

NRO Case F04-0101 – IG Report on Responsibilities of the Director, NRO
OFISR Case #05-F-0615
Sent 17 May 2004
Requester – Richelson

NRO Case F03-0033 (Appeal) – MOUs
OFISR Case #05-F-0531
Sent 13 May 2005
Requester – Ravnitsky

NRO Case F02-0001 (Appeal) – Final Report of the DNRO
OFGISR Case #04-F-2166
Sent 18 May 2004
Requester – Richelson

In the event you are not the proper recipient for requests of this kind, any updated contact information you can provide will be most helpful. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your assistance!

(b)(2), (b)(6)
Senior Case Analyst
Information Access and Release Team
(b)(2), (b)(6)

(b)(2), (b)(6)

From: (b)(2), (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, November 26, 2008 6:26 AM
To: (b)(2), (b)(6)
Subject: FW: OFISR Case # 04-F-2166 (NRO Case # F02-0001 - Appeal - Richelson) --- UNCLASSIFIED//FOUO

classification: UNCLASSIFIED//FOUO

(b)(2), (b)(6)

Could you print this for me?

Thanks.

(b)(2), (b)(6)

From: (b)(2), (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, November 26, 2008 6:25 AM
To: (b)(2), (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(2), (b)(6)
Subject: OFISR Case # 04-F-2166 (NRO Case # F02-0001 - Appeal - Richelson) --- UNCLASSIFIED//FOUO

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Good morning.

Could you please provide an update on the status of this case? Our records indicate that the case materials were sent to OFISR on 18 May 2004 for review and return to the NRO.

Please let me know if you need additional information to track this request.

Thanks.

(b)(2), (b)(6)
Senior Case Analyst
(b)(2), (b)(6)

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(b)(2), (b)(6)

From: (b)(2), (b)(6)
 Sent: Thursday, December 04, 2008 11:16 AM
 To: (b)(2), (b)(6)
 Subject: FW: OFISR Case # 04-F-2166 (NRO Case # F02-0001 - Appeal - Richelsonl) --- UNCLASSIFIED//FOUO

classification: UNCLASSIFIED//FOUO

(b)(2), (b)(6) Can you print a copy for me, please?

Thanks!

(b)(2), (b)(6)

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From: (b)(2), (b)(6)
 Sent: Wednesday, December 03, 2008 11:41 AM
 To: (b)(2), (b)(6)
 Subject: RE: OFISR Case # 04-F-2166 (NRO Case # F02-0001 - Appeal - Richelsonl) --- UNCLASSIFIED//FOUO

(b)(2), (b)(6) --this case is still pending. I will stir up the reviewer and see what we get. (b)(2), (b)(6)

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From: (b)(2), (b)(6)
 Sent: Wednesday, November 26, 2008 6:25 AM
 To: (b)(2), (b)(6)
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Senior Case Analyst

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From: (b)(3), (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2009 8:45 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(3), (b)(6)
Subject: OFISR Case # 04-F-2166 (NRO Case # F02-0001 - Appeal - Richelson) —
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Appreciate any information you can provide.

Thanks.

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From: (b)(6)
 Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2009 3:24 PM
 To: (b)(2), (b)(6)
 Subject: RE: OFISR Case # 04-F-2166 (NRO Case # F02-0001 - Appeal - Richelson) ---
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(b)(2), (b)(6) --I am looking into this case, should have an answer for you ASAP. (b)(6)

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F03-0033



NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE
14675 Lee Road
Chantilly, VA 20151-1715

17 June 2003

Mr. Michael Ravnitzky


(b)(6)

Dear Mr. Ravnitzky:

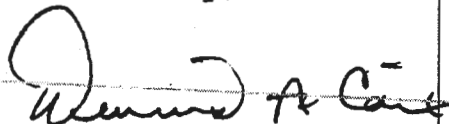
This is in response to your letter, dated 24 May 2003, received in the Information Access and Release Center (IARC) of the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) on 29 May 2003. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), you are requesting the "comity agreements of Memoranda of Understanding at NRO".

Pursuant to the Intelligence Authorization Act of 2003, Section 502, operational files of the NRO are exempt from the publication, disclosure, search, and review provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552. As such, the files that would contain responsive records, if any exist, are not subject to search in response to your request.

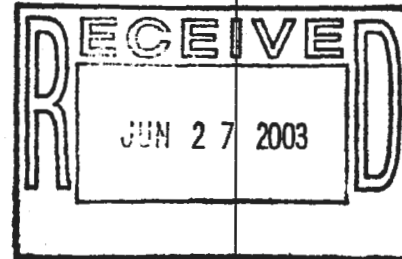
You have the right to appeal this determination by addressing your appeal to the NRO Appeal Authority, 14675 Lee Road, Chantilly, VA 20151-1715 within 60 days of the above date. Should you decide to do this, please explain the basis of your appeal.

If you have any questions, please call the Chief of IARC on (703) 808-5029 and reference Case Number F03-0033.

Sincerely,



Dennis A. Cain



June 23, 2003

NRO Appeal Authority
14675 Lee Road
Chantilly, VA 2051-1715

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEAL

Dear Sirs:

I hereby appeal the decision to withhold in full and to declare exempt from search the records I requested relating to NRO Comity Agreements and Memoranda of Understanding, case number F03-0033.

Under the Intelligence Authorization Act of 2003, Section 502, operational files of the NRO are exempt from the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act.

However, these records do not appear to be "operational files" under the criteria set forth in the statute.

"(2)(A) Subject to subparagraph (B), for the purposes of this section, the term 'operational files' means files of the National Reconnaissance Office (hereafter in this section referred to as 'NRO') that document the means by which foreign intelligence or counterintelligence is collected through scientific and technical system." Id.

See, e.g., 50 U.S.C. § 431, cited in U.S. See also Sullivan v. CIA, 992 F.2d 1249, 1251 (1st Cir. 1992) ("Operational files, i.e., files that memorialize the conduct and means of the government's foreign intelligence and counterintelligence efforts". See also Students Against Genocide v. Department of State, 1998 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 23088, *20, n. 8 (D.C. Cir. 1998) "Briefly, the term "operational files" means files which document (1) the conduct of foreign intelligence operations, (2) the means by which foreign intelligence is collected through scientific and technical systems, and (3) investigations conducted to determine the suitability of foreign intelligence sources."

This is not that type of material.

The reason for the existence of this "operational files" exemption is that there are certain records that implicate intelligence concerns. By applying the exemption to records that so clearly fall outside the purview of these concerns, the agency is jeopardizing this extraordinary protection required by actual intelligence records. The requested administrative and management records fall outside any rational description of "operational files". Moreover, there are procedures and exemptions that would address any foreseeable harm identifiable with regard to these records.

While internal NRO procedures may inadvertantly include the Comity Agreements and MOU's in the list of "operational files" such procedures carry little or no weight with respect to contravening federal statutes and agency regulations.

I ask as an administrative remedy that this request be remanded for initial processing.

Sincerely,

Michael Ravnitzky

**NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE**

14675 Lee Road
Chantilly, VA 20151-1715

Mr. Michael Ravnitzky

(b)(6)

Dear Mr. Ravnitzky:

This is in response to your letter dated 13 June 2003, received in the Information Access and Release Center of the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) on 17 June 2003. You are appealing our use of Section 502 of the Intelligence Authorization Act of 2003 on your request for records pertaining to "... NRO Comity Agreements and Memoranda of Understanding." For reference purposes, your case number is F03-0033.

As the Appellate Authority, and after a complete review, I have determined that the records responsive to your request are segregable. As the first interim release to your request, we are forwarding eight records, totaling twenty-seven pages that are being granted in part. Additionally, I have determined that fifteen records, totaling seventy pages, are denied in full. The denied records and portions of the records being released to you are being withheld pursuant to the following FOIA exemptions:

- (b)(1) As properly classified information under Executive Order 12958, Section 1.4(c); and exemption (b)(3), which applies to information specifically exempt by statute, the National Security Act of 1947, 50 U.S.C. § 403-3(c)(7), which protects intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure;
- (b)(2) High, which pertains solely to the internal rules and practices of an agency and allows the withholding of information which, if released, would allow circumvention of an organization rule, policy, or statute, thereby impeding the agency in the conduct of its mission;

- (b)(3) Which allows the withholding of information prohibited from disclosure by statute, 10 U.S.C. § 424 which states: "Except as required by the President or as provided in subsection (c), no provision of law shall be construed to require the disclosure of (1) The organization or any function . . . (2) . . . number of persons employed by or assigned or detailed to any such organization or the name, official title, occupational series, grade, or salary of any such person . . . (b) Covered Organizations . . . the National Reconnaissance Office";

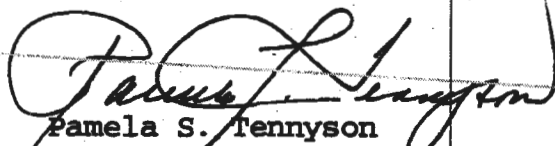
- (b)(5) Inter-agency or intra-agency memoranda which are deliberative in nature; and

- (b)(6) Which applies to records which if released would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of individuals.

Please be advised that a number of records contain the equities of other agencies and have therefore been forwarded to them for coordination or direct response to you, as required by Executive Order 12958. We will forward the coordinated records to you as soon as the reviews are returned to us from the appropriate agencies.

You are advised that you are entitled to a judicial review of this determination in a United States District Court in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552 as amended.

Sincerely,


Pamela S. Tennyson
Deputy Director
for Administration

Enclosures:
MOUs (27 pages)



NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

14675 Lee Road
Chantilly, VA 20151-1715

10 July 2003

Mr. Michael Ravnitzky
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Ravnitzky:

This is in response to your certified letter dated 23 June 2003, received in the Information Access and Release Center on 27 June 2003. You are appealing the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) determination pertaining to your Freedom of Information Act request for records pertaining to "NRO Comity Agreements and Memoranda of Understanding".

Your appeal has been accepted. We will advise you when a determination by the NRO Appeal Board has been made.

If you have any questions, please call me, Chief of the Information Access and Release Center on (703) 808-3623 and reference case number F03-0033.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Dennis A. Cain".

Dennis A. Cain

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19 January 2004

MEMORANDUM FOR THE AIR FORCE TECHNICAL APPLICATIONS CENTER
ATTENTION: AFTAC FOIA/PA Manager

SUBJECT: (U) Freedom of Information Appeal Coordination
Michael Ravnitzky--Case Number F03-0033

(U) In our search for records responsive to a Freedom of Information Act appeal from Mr. Michael Ravnitzky, dated 27 June 2003, the NRO has identified one document responsive to his request that contains Air Force Technical Applications Center equities.


(U) NRO redactions have been taken. This document is being sent to you for your review, redaction, and return to the NRO.

(U) If you have any questions, please call me on (703) 227-9128 and reference our case number.

Linda S. Hathaway
Chief, Information Access
and Release Team

Attachments:

1. (U) Ltr dtd 24 May 03
2. (U) Appeal dtd 27 Jun 03
3. (S//TK) MOU dtd 11 Jan 96

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18 October 2004

MEMORANDUM FOR THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY
ATTN: FOIA Officer

SUBJECT: (U) Freedom of Information Appeal Coordination -
Michael Ravnitzky

REFERENCE: (U) National Reconnaissance Office (NRO)
Case Number F03-0033

(U) In our search for records responsive to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeal from Mr. Michael Ravnitzky, dated 27 June 2003, the NRO has identified one document responsive to his request that contains NSA equities.

(U) NRO recommended redactions are highlighted in red. This document is being sent to you for your review, redaction and return to the NRO.

(U) If you have any questions, please call me, Chief, Information Access and Release Team, on (703) 227-9128 and reference our case number.

Linda S. Hathaway

Attachments:

1. (U) Appeal dtd 27 June 2003
2. (S) MOU Between DDNS, NRO and Chief, NSA CAO for National Customer Outreach Activities

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE)

ATTN: (b)(6)
Director, FOIA/PA Division, MA-73

SUBJECT: (U) Freedom of Information Appeal Coordination -
Michael Ravnitzky

REFERENCE: (U) National Reconnaissance Office (NRO)
Case Number F03-0033

(U) In our search for records responsive to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeal from Mr. Michael Ravnitzky, dated 27 June 2003, the NRO has identified one document responsive to his request that contains Department of Energy equities. The NRO recommends that this document be released in full.

(U) This document is being sent to you for your review, redaction and return to the NRO.

(U) If you have any questions, please call me, Chief, Information Access and Release Team, on (703) 227-9128 and reference our case number.

Linda S. Hathaway

Attachments:

1. (U) Appeal dtd 27 June 2003
2. (U//FOUO) MOU Between NRO and DOE's Office of Nonproliferation and National Security for Collaboration in Technology R&D

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18 October 2004

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

ATTN: [REDACTED]
FOIA Officer

SUBJECT: (U) Freedom of Information Appeal Coordination
Michael Ravnitzky

REFERENCE: (U) National Reconnaissance Office (NRO)
Case Number F03-0033

(U) In our search for records responsive to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeal from Mr. Michael Ravnitzky, dated 27 June 2003, the NRO has identified five documents responsive to his request that contain Department of Navy equities. NRO recommended redactions are highlighted in red. These documents are being sent to you for your review, redaction and return to the NRO.

(U) If you have any questions, please call me, Chief, Information Access and Release Team, on (703) 227-9128 and reference our case number.

Linda S. Hathaway

Attachments:

1. (U) Appeal letter dtd 27 June 2003
2. MOU Between NRO and SPAWAR, NAVELMDODPROJOF on EEO/EOP for Personnel Assigned to the NRO
3. (U//FOUO) MOU Between PD-14 Naval Space Technology Systems Program Directorate Operational Support Office
4. MOU Between Commander Second Fleet and The OSO
5. (U//FOUO) MOU Between OSO and Naval Security Group Activity, Norfolk, VA on GEO-LITE Training and Support
6. MOU Between USACOM and OSO

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20 October 2004

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

ATTN: [REDACTED]
FOIA Officer

SUBJECT: (U) Freedom of Information Appeal Coordination
Michael Ravnitzky

REFERENCE: (U) National Reconnaissance Office (NRO)
Case Number F03-0033

(U) In our search for records responsive to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeal from Mr. Michael Ravnitzky, dated 27 June 2003, the NRO has identified one SCI document responsive to his request that contains Department of Navy equities. This document is being sent to you for your review, redaction and return to the NRO.

(U) If you have any questions, please call me, Chief, Information Access and Release Team, on (703) 227-9128 and reference our case number.

Linda S. Hathaway

Attachments:

1. (U) Appeal letter dtd 27 June 2003
2. (U) MOU Between Department of the Navy and NRO

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE OFFICE OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND SECURITY
REVIEW, DIRECTORATE FOR EXECUTIVE SERVICES AND
COMMUNICATIONS

SUBJECT: (U) Freedom of Information Appeal Coordination
Michael Ravnitzky

REFERENCE: (U) National Reconnaissance Office (NRO)
Case Number F03-0033

(U) In our search for records responsive to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeal from Mr. Michael Ravnitzky, dated 27 June 2003, the NRO has identified one document responsive to his request that contains Department of Army equities and eight documents responsive to his request that contain Air Force equities. NRO equities have been redacted. These documents are being sent to you for your review, redaction and return to the NRO. Please cite FOIA exemptions for any material you redact.

(U) If you have any questions, please call me, Chief, Information Access and Release Team, on (703) 227-9128 and reference our case number.

Linda S. Hathaway

Attachments:

1. (U) Appeal dtd 27 June 2003
2. (U) MOU Between NRO and ASPO
3. (U) MOU Between NRO and and AFGWC
4. (U) MOU Between NRO and RL, Griffiss AFB
5. (U) MOU Between NRO and AFTAC
6. (U) MOU Between NRO and AFIWC
7. (U) MOU Between DASD for P&E and DDMS, NRO
8. (U) MOU Between ASD C3I and NRO
9. (U) MOU Between 6595th ATG/TS and SAFSP Detachment 2
10. (U) MOU Between NRO/OSL and AFSMC/MV

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05 November 2004

MEMORANDUM FOR (b)(1)1.4c, (b)(3)

(b)(6)

SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Appeal Coordination
Michael Ravnitzky

REFERENCE: National Reconnaissance Office
Case Number F03-0033

In our search for records responsive to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeal from Mr. Michael Ravnitzky, dated 27 June 2003, the NRO has identified one document responsive to his request that contains equities belonging to your organization. NRO equities have been redacted. This document is being sent to you for your review, redaction, and return to the NRO. Please cite FOIA exemptions for any material you redact.

If you have any questions, please call me on (703) 227-9128 and reference case number F03-0033.

Linda S. Hathaway
Chief, Information Access
and Release Team

Attachments:

1. Appeal dtd 27 Jun 03
2. MOU dtd 18 Mar 98

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2 December 2004

MEMORANDUM FOR NATIONAL GEOSPATIAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

ATTENTION: (b)(6)

SUBJECT: (U) Freedom of Information Appeal Coordination
Michael Ravnitzky

REFERENCE: (U) National Reconnaissance Office
Case Number F03-0033

(U) In our search for records responsive to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeal from Mr. Michael Ravnitzky, dated 27 June 2003, the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) has identified two documents responsive to his request that contain National Geospatial Intelligence Agency equities. NRO equities have been redacted. These documents are being sent to you for your review, redaction, and return to the NRO.

(U) If you have any questions, please call me, Chief, Information Access and Release Team, on 703-227-9128 and reference our case number.

Linda S. Hathaway

Attachments:

1. (U) Ltr dtd 24 May 03
2. (U) Ltr dtd 17 Jun 03
3. (U) Appeal dtd 27 Jun 03
4. (U) OTEC-CITO MOU
5. (U) NRO-NIMA MOU

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MEMORANDUM FOR: (U) CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
ATTENTION: (b)(6)

SUBJECT: (U) Freedom of Information Appeal Coordination
Michael Ravnitzky

REFERENCE: (U) National Reconnaissance Office
Case Number F03-0033

(U) In our search for records responsive to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeal from Mr. Michael Ravnitzky, dated 27 June 2003, the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) has identified three documents responsive to his request that contain Central Intelligence Agency equities. NRO equities have been redacted. These documents are being sent to you for your review, redaction, and return to the NRO.

(U) If you have any questions, please call me on 703-227-9128 and reference our case number.

Linda S. Hathaway
Chief, Information Access
and Release Team

Attachments:

1. (U) Ltr dtd 24 May 03
2. (U) Ltr dtd 23 Jun 03
3. (S) MOU--NRO/OSWR
4. (S) MOU--NWFCU-NPA
5. (S) MOU--MS&O/MO/IMINT

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF NAVY

ATTN: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: (U) Freedom of Information Appeal Coordination
Michael Ravnitzky - Additional Coordination Request

REFERENCE: (U) National Reconnaissance Office
Case Number F03-0033

(U) In our search for records responsive to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeal from Mr. Michael Ravnitzky, dated 27 June 2003, the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) has identified one additional SCI document responsive to his request that contains Department of Navy equities. This document is being sent to you for your review, redaction and return to the NRO.

(U) If you have any questions, please call me on (703) 227-9128 and reference our case number.

Linda S. Hathaway
Chief, Information Access
and Release Team

Attachments:

1. (U) Ltr dtd 24 May 03
2. (U) Appeal dtd 23 Jun 03
3. (S) MOU

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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, DISCLOSURE SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
TREASURY
ATTENTION: (b)(6)

SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Appeal Coordination
Michael Ravnitzky

REFERENCE: National Reconnaissance Office
Case Number F03-0033

In our search for records responsive to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeal from Mr. Michael Ravnitzky, dated 27 June 2003, the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) has identified one document responsive to his request that contains equities belonging to your organization. NRO equities have been redacted. This document is being sent to you for your review, redaction, and return to the NRO. Please cite FOIA exemptions for any material you redact.

If you have any questions, please call me on (703) 227-9128 and reference case number F03-0033.

Linda S. Hathaway
Chief, Information Access
and Release Team

Attachments:

1. Ltr dtd 24 May 03
2. Ltr dtd 27 Jun 03
3. MOU--NRO/CAFM



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MEMORANDUM FOR CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

ATTENTION: (b)(6)

SUBJECT: (U) Freedom of Information Appeal Coordination
Michael Ravnitzky - Additional Coordination Request

REFERENCE: (U) National Reconnaissance Office
Case Number F03-0033

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(U) If you have any questions, please call me on 703-227-9128 and reference our case number.

Linda S. Hathaway
Chief, Information Access
and Release Team

Attachments:

1. (U) Ltr dtd 24 May 03
2. (U) Ltr dtd 23 Jun 03
3. (S//SI//TK) MOU-ADCI, D/NSA,
C/CSS, & DNRO

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MEMORANDUM FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY
ATTENTION: FOIA OFFICER

SUBJECT: (U) Freedom of Information Appeal Coordination
Michael Ravnitzky-Additional Coordination Request

REFERENCE: (U) National Reconnaissance Office
Case Number F03-0033

(U) In our search for records responsive to a Freedom of Information Act appeal from Mr. Michael Ravnitzky, dated 27 June 2003, the NRO has identified two additional documents responsive to his request that contain NSA equities.


(U) NRO redactions have been taken. These documents are being sent to you for your review, redaction, and return to the NRO.

(U) If you have any questions, please call me on (703) 227-9128 and reference our case number.

Linda S. Hathaway
Chief, Information Access
and Release Team

Attachments:

1. (U) Ltr dtd 24 May 03
2. (U) Ltr dtd 27 Jun 03
3. ~~(S//TK)~~ MOU Between NSA/CSS & NRO
4. ~~(TS//SI//TK)~~ MOU Between ADCI,
D/NSA/CSS & D/NRO

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MEMORANDUM FOR AIR INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
ATTENTION: PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER

SUBJECT: (U) Freedom of Information Appeal Coordination
Michael Ravnitzky

REFERENCE: (U) National Reconnaissance Office
Case Number F03-0033

(U) In our search for records responsive to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeal from Mr. Michael Ravnitzky, dated 27 June 2003, the NRO has identified one document responsive to his request that contains AIA equities.

(U) NRO redactions have been taken. This document is being sent to you for your review, redaction, and return to the NRO.

(U) If you have any questions, please call me on (703) 227-9128 and reference our case number.

Linda S. Hathaway
Chief, Information Access
and Release Team

Attachments:

1. (U) Ltr dtd 24 May 03
2. (U) Ltr dtd 27 Jun 03
3. (TS//SI//TK) MOU

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MEMORANDUM FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY
ATTENTION: FOIA OFFICER

SUBJECT: (U) Freedom of Information Appeal Coordination
Michael Ravnitzky - Additional Coordination Request

REFERENCE: (U) National Reconnaissance Office
Case Number F03-0033

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(U) NRO redactions have been taken. This document is being sent to you for your review, redaction, and return to the NRO.

(U) If you have any questions, please call me on (703) 227-9128 and reference our case number.

Linda S. Hathaway
Chief, Information Access
and Release Team

Attachments:

1. (U) Ltr dtd 24 May 03
2. (U) Ltr dtd 27 Jun 03
3. (S/TK) MOU Between NSA/CSS & NRO On Overhead SIGINT Activities
4. (S/SI/TK) MOU Among ADCI, DIRNSA & NRO re OCMC

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10 January 2005

MEMORANDUM FOR AIR FORCE DECLASSIFICATION OFFICE
ATTENTION: FOIA OFFICER

SUBJECT: (U) Freedom of Information Appeal Coordination
Michael Ravnitzky

REFERENCE: (U) National Reconnaissance Office
Case Number F03-0033

(U) In our search for records responsive to a Freedom of Information Act appeal from Mr. Michael Ravnitzky, dated 27 June 2003, the NRO has identified one document responsive to his request that contains AFDO equities.

(U) NRO redactions have been taken. This document is being sent to you for your review, redaction, and return to the NRO.

(U) If you have any questions, please call me on (703) 227-9128 and reference our case number.

Linda S. Hathaway
Chief, Information Access
and Release Team

Attachments:

1. (U) Ltr dtd 24 May 03
2. (U) Ltr dtd 27 Jun 03
3. (U//FOUO) MOU

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8 February 2005

MEMORANDUM FOR DEFENSE CONTRACT MANAGEMENT AGENCY
CONGRESSIONAL & PUBLIC AFFAIRS STAFF
FOIA/PRIVACY ACT OFFICER

SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Appeal Coordination
Michael Ravnitzky

REFERENCE: National Reconnaissance Office
Case Number F03-0033

In our search for records responsive to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeal from Mr. Michael Ravnitzky, dated 27 June 2003, the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) has identified one document responsive to his request that contains equities belonging to your organization. NRO equities have been redacted. This document is being sent to you for your review, redaction, and return to the NRO. Please cite FOIA exemptions for any material you redact.

If you have any questions, please call me on (703) 227-9128 and reference case number F03-0033.

Linda S. Hathaway
Chief, Information Access
and Release Team

Attachments:

1. Ltr dtd 24 May 03
2. Ltr dtd 27 Jun 03
3. MOU--NRO/DCMA

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9 February 2005

MEMORANDUM FOR HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE SPACE COMMAND
ATTENTION: FOIA CASE OFFICER

SUBJECT: (U) Freedom of Information Appeal Coordination
Michael Ravnitzky

REFERENCE: (U) National Reconnaissance Office
Case Number F03-0033

(U) In our search for records responsive to a Freedom of Information Act appeal from Mr. Michael Ravnitzky, dated 27 June 2003, the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) has identified one document responsive to his request that contains Air Force equities. This document is being sent to you for your review, redaction, and return to the NRO.

(U) If you have any questions, please call me on 703-227-9128 and reference our case number.

Linda S. Hathaway
Chief, Information Access
And Release Team

Attachments:

1. (U) Ltr dtd 24 May 03
2. (U) Ltr dtd 17 Jun 03
3. (U) MOU For D/SECDEF & DDCI

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10 February 2005

MEMORANDUM FOR UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
ATTENTION: FOIA CASE OFFICER

SUBJECT: (U) Freedom of Information Appeal Referral
Michael Ravnitzky

REFERENCE: (U) National Reconnaissance Office
Case Number F03-0033

(U) In our search for records responsive to the Freedom of Information Act appeal from Mr. Michael Ravnitzky, dated 27 June 2003 (Tab 1), the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) has identified four records consisting of thirty pages that are responsive to his request. These records contain Government of the United States of America equities and are being provided to you for treatment and release directly to the requester. There are no NRO equities included in these records.

(U) Per Department of Justice guidance, agencies are encouraged to place coordinations and/or referrals in their queue based on the date of the initial request; in this instance, May 2003.

(U) If you have any questions, please call me on 703-227-9128 and reference case number F03-0033.

Linda S. Hathaway
Chief, Information Access
and Release Team

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Attachments:

1. (U) Ltr dtd 24 May 03
2. (U) Ltr dtd 23 Jun 03
3. (U//~~FOUO~~) MOU Between USA &
(b)(1)1.4c
4. (U//~~FOUO~~) MOU Between USA &
(b)(1)1.4c
5. (C) MOU Between USA, UK &
(b)(1)1.4c

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11 February 2005

MEMORANDUM FOR OFFICE OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND SECURITY REVIEW

ATTENTION: (b)(6)

SUBJECT: (U) Freedom of Information Appeal Referral
Michael Ravnitzky

REFERENCE: (U) National Reconnaissance Office
Case Number F03-0033

(U) In our search for records responsive to the Freedom of Information Act appeal from Mr. Michael Ravnitzky, dated 23 June 2003, the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) has identified four records consisting of thirty-five pages that are responsive to his request. These records contain Department of Defense equities and are being provided to you for treatment and release directly to the requester. There are no NRO equities included in these records.

(U) Per Department of Justice guidance, agencies are encouraged to place coordinations and/or referrals in their queue based on the date of the initial request; in this instance, May 2003.

(U) If you have any questions, please call me on 703-227-9128 and reference case number F03-0033.

Linda S. Hathaway
Chief, Information Access and
Release Team

Attachments:

1. (U) Ltr dtd 24 May 03.
2. (U) Ltr dtd 23 Jun 03.
3. (U) MOU Among DOD AUS, Dept of Nat'l
Def CAN, UK Ministry of Def & DOD USA
4. (U) MOU Between HI DOD & USCINCPAC5.
5. (U) MOU Between HI DOD State Civil
Def & HI Dept of Business
6. (U) MOU Between HI DOD & OASD C3I

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14 February 2005

MEMORANDUM FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, OFFICE OF INFORMATION POLICY
ATTENTION: FOIA CASE OFFICER

SUBJECT: (U) Freedom of Information Appeal Referral
Michael Ravnitzky

REFERENCE: (U) National Reconnaissance Office
Case Number F03-0033

(U) In our search for records responsive to the Freedom of Information Act appeal from Mr. Michael Ravnitzky, dated 23 June 2003, the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) has identified two records consisting of nine pages that are responsive to his request. These records contain National Security Agency equities and are being provided to you for treatment and release directly to the requester. There are no NRO equities included in these records and therefore no action will be taken.

(U) Per Department of Justice guidance, agencies are encouraged to place coordinations and/or referrals in their queue based on the date of the initial request; in this instance, May 2003.

(U) If you have any questions, please call me on 703-227-9128 and reference case number F03-0033.

Linda S. Hathaway
Chief, Information Access and
Release Team

Attachments:

1. (U) Ltr dtd 24 May 03.
2. (U) Ltr dtd 23 Jun 03.
3. (S) MOU Between NSA/CSS & UK
Gov't Comm HQ
4. (S) MOU Between NSA/CSS & CIA/OS

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MEMORANDUM FOR NAVAL RESEARCH LABORATORY, WASHINGTON, DC
ATTENTION: FOIA COORDINATOR

SUBJECT: (U) Freedom of Information Appeal Referral
Michael Ravnitzky

REFERENCE: (U) National Reconnaissance Office
Case Number F03-0033

(U) In our search for records responsive to the Freedom of Information Act appeal from Mr. Michael Ravnitzky, dated 23 June 2003, the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) has identified one record consisting of 14 pages that is responsive to his request. This record contains Navy equities and is being provided to you for treatment and release directly to the requester. There are no NRO equities included in this record.

(U) Per Department of Justice guidance, agencies are encouraged to place coordinations and/or referrals in their queue based on the date of the initial request; in this instance, May 2003.

(U) If you have any questions, please call me on 703-227-9128 and reference case number F03-0033.

Linda S. Hathaway
Chief, Information Access
and Release Team

Attachments:

1. (U) Ltr dtd 24 May 03
2. (U) Ltr dtd 23 Jun 03
3. (U//FOUO) MOU Between Space &
Naval Warfare Sys Command & NRL

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14 February 2005

MEMORANDUM FOR DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
ATTENTION: FOIA OFFICER

SUBJECT: (U) Freedom of Information Appeal Referral
Michael Ravnitzky

REFERENCE: (U) National Reconnaissance Office
Case Number F03-0033

(U) In our search for records responsive to the Freedom of Information Act appeal from Mr. Michael Ravnitzky, dated 23 June 2003, the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) has identified one record consisting of six pages that is responsive to his request. This record contains Defense Intelligence Agency equities and is being provided to you for treatment and release directly to the requester. There are no NRO equities included in this record and therefore no action will be taken.

(U) Per Department of Justice guidance, agencies are encouraged to place coordinations and/or referrals in their queue based on the date of the initial request; in this instance, May 2003.

(U) If you have any questions, please call me on 703-227-9128 and reference case number F03-0033.

Linda S. Hathaway
Chief, Information Access and
Release Team

Attachments:

1. (U) Ltr dtd 24 May 03.
2. (U) Ltr dtd 23 Jun 03.
3. (S/NF) MOU Between SecDef USA &

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23 February 2005

MEMORANDUM FOR UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
ATTENTION: FOIA CASE OFFICER

SUBJECT: (U) Freedom of Information Appeal Referral
Michael Ravnitzky - Additional Referral

REFERENCE: (U) National Reconnaissance Office
Case Number F03-0033

(U) In our search for records responsive to the Freedom of Information Act appeal from Mr. Michael Ravnitzky, dated 27 June 2003, the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) has identified one additional record that is responsive to his request. This record contains Department of State equities and is being provided to you for treatment and release directly to the requester. There are no NRO equities included in this record.

(U) Per Department of Justice guidance, agencies are encouraged to place coordinations and/or referrals in their queue based on the date of the initial request; in this instance, May 2003.

(U) If you have any questions, please call me on 703-227-9128 and reference case number F03-0033.

Linda S. Hathaway
Chief, Information Access
and Release Team

Attachments:

1. (U) Ltr dtd 24 May 03
2. (U) Ltr dtd 23 Jun 03
- 3 (U//FOUO) MOU Among the
Depts of State,
Defense, Commerce,
Interior & the IC



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NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

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7 March 2005

MEMORANDUM FOR NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

SUBJECT: (U) Freedom of Information Appeal Coordination
Michael Ravnitzky

REFERENCE: (U) National Reconnaissance Office
Case #F03-0033

(U) In our search for records responsive to a Freedom of Information Act appeal from Mr. Michael Ravnitzky, dated 23 June 2003, the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) has identified two documents responsive to his request that contain National Aeronautics and Space Administration equities. NRO redactions have been taken. The documents are being sent to you for your review, redaction, and return to the NRO. One of the attached records also contains equities belonging to the Air Force Research Laboratory and a copy has been sent to that agency for review and coordination.

(U) If you have any questions, please call me on 703-227-9128 and reference case number F03-0033.

Linda S. Hathaway
Linda S. Hathaway
Chief, Information Access and
Release Team

Attachments:

1. (U) Ltr dtd 24 May 03
2. (U) Ltr dtd 23 Jun 03
3. ~~(S//NF)~~ MOU Between NRO,
AS&T & NASA JPL
4. (U//FOUO) MOU For Joint
Dev of AMSD

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MEMORANDUM FOR AIR FORCE RESEARCH LABORATORY FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Appeal Coordination
Michael Ravnitzky

REFERENCE: National Reconnaissance Office
Case #F03-0033

In our search for records responsive to a Freedom of Information Act appeal from Mr. Michael Ravnitzky, dated 23 June 2003, the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) has identified one document responsive to his request that contains AFRL equities. NRO redactions have been taken. The document is being sent to you for your review, redaction, and return to the NRO. This record also contains National Aeronautics and Space Administration equities and a copy has been sent to that agency for review and coordination.

If you have any questions, please call me on 703-227-9128 and reference case number F03-0033.

Linda S. Hathaway
Chief, Information Access
and Release Team

Attachments:

1. Ltr dtd 24 May 03
2. Ltr dtd 23 Jun 03
3. MOU for Joint
Development of AMSD

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15 March 2005

MEMORANDUM FOR NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY, PHYSICAL SCIENCE LAB
LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO

ATTN: (b)(6)

SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Appeal Coordination
Michael Ravnitzky

REFERENCE: National Reconnaissance Office
Case Number F03-0033

In our search for records responsive to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeal from Mr. Michael Ravnitzky, dated 27 June 2003, the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) has identified one document responsive to his request that contains equities belonging to your organization.

While your organization is not subject to the federal FOIA, there may be proprietary information contained in this record. Please advise within thirty days of the date of this letter if you have any objections to the release of this record as redacted by the NRO.

If you have any questions, please call me on (703) 227-9128 and reference our case number.

Linda S. Hathaway

Attachments:

1. Ltr dtd 24 May 03
2. Ltr dtd 23 Jun 03
3. MOU Between NRO/OSO/NMSU

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16 March 2005

MEMORANDUM FOR HEADQUARTERS STRATCOM, OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE
ATTENTION: FOIA CASE OFFICER

SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Appeal Coordination
Michael Ravnitzky

REFERENCE: National Reconnaissance Office
Case Number F03-0033

In our search for records responsive to a Freedom of Information Act appeal from Mr. Michael Ravnitzky, dated 27 June 2003, the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) has identified one document responsive to his request that contains Air Force equities. This document is being sent to you for your review, redaction, and return to the NRO.

If you have any questions, please call me on 703-227-9128 and reference our case number.

Linda S. Hathaway
Chief, Information Access
And Release Team

Attachments:

1. Ltr dtd 24 May 03
2. Ltr dtd 17 Jun 03
3. MOU For D/SECDEF & DDCI

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29 March 2005

MEMORANDUM FOR PRESIDENT AND CEO
UNIVERSITY CORPORATION FOR INTERNET DEVELOPMENT

SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Appeal Coordination
Michael Ravnitzky

REFERENCE: National Reconnaissance Office
Case Number F03-0033

In our search for records responsive to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeal from Mr. Michael Ravnitzky, dated 27 June 2003, the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) has identified one document responsive to his request that contains equities belonging to your organization.

While your organization is not subject to the federal FOIA, there may be proprietary information contained in this record. Please advise within thirty days of the date of this letter if you have any objections to the release of this record as redacted by the NRO.

If you have any questions, please call me on (703) 227-9128 and reference our case number.

Linda S. Hathaway

Attachments:

1. Ltr dtd 24 May 03
2. Ltr dtd 17 Jun 03
3. Ltr dtd 23 Jun 03
4. MOU Between UCAID & NRO



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28 April 2005

MEMORANDUM FOR OFFICE OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND SECURITY REVIEW
ATTENTION: (b)(6)

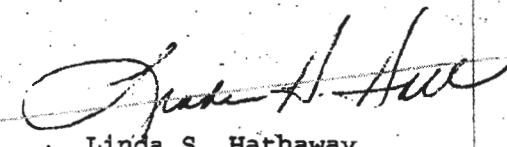
SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Appeal Referral
Michael Ravnitzky--Additional Referral Request

REFERENCE: National Reconnaissance Office
Case Number F03-0033

In our search for records responsive to the Freedom of Information Act appeal from Mr. Michael Ravnitzky, dated 23 June 2003, the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) has identified one additional record consisting of ten pages that is responsive to his request. The record was previously sent to Headquarters Air Force Space Command for coordination, and was then forwarded on to United States Strategic Command for their review. The responses from both of those agencies are attached. This record contains Department of Defense equities and is being provided to you for your review, redaction, and return to the NRO.

Per Department of Justice guidance, agencies are encouraged to place coordinations and/or referrals in their queue based on the date of the initial request, in this instance, May 2003.

If you have any questions, please call me on 703-227-9128 and reference case number F03-0033.


Linda S. Hathaway
for Chief, Information Access
and Release Team

Attachments:

1. Ltr dtd 24 May 03
2. Ltr dtd 23 Jun 03
3. MOU for D/SECDEF & DDCI
4. JFCC-S&GS Response Ltr
5. USSTRATCOM Response Ltr

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7 June 2005

MEMORANDUM FOR DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ATTENTION: FOIA CASE OFFICER

SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Appeal Referral
Michael Ravnitzky - Additional Referral (#3)

REFERENCE: National Reconnaissance Office
Case Number F03-0033

In our search for records responsive to the Freedom of Information Act appeal from Mr. Michael Ravnitzky, dated 23 June 2003, the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) has identified one additional record consisting of 9 pages that is responsive to his request. This record contains Department of State equities and is being provided to you for treatment and release directly to the requester. There are no NRO equities included in this record.

Per Department of Justice guidance, agencies are encouraged to place coordinations and/or referrals in their queue based on the date of the initial request, in this instance, May 2003.

If you have any questions, please call me on 703-227-9128 and reference case number F03-0033.

Linda S. Hathaway
Chief, Information Access
and Release Team

Attachments:

1. Ltr dtd 24 May 03
2. Ltr dtd 23 Jun 03
3. MOU Between the ISRO & NASA

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MEMORANDUM FOR OFFICE OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND SECURITY REVIEW

ATTENTION: (b)(6)

SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Appeal Referral
Michael Ravnitzky--Additional Referral Request (#3)

In our search for records responsive to the Freedom of Information Act appeal from Mr. Michael Ravnitzky, dated 23 June 2003, the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) has identified three additional records consisting of 29 pages that are responsive to his request. These records contain Department of Defense equities and are being provided to you for treatment and release directly to the requester. There are no NRO equities included in these records.

Per Department of Justice guidance, agencies are encouraged to place coordinations and/or referrals in their queue based on the date of the initial request, in this instance, May 2003.

If you have any questions, please call me on 703-227-9128 and reference case number F03-0033.

Linda S. Hathaway
Chief, Information Access
and Release Team

Attachments:

1. Ltr dtd 24 May 03
2. Ltr dtd 23 Jun 03
3. MOU Between PDC, COE, & Maui
Economic Dev Board
4. MOU Between DOD, DOC, & NASA
5. MOU Between DCS & AFELM/COG

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7 June 2005

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES PACIFIC COMMAND
ATTENTION: J141 FOIA

SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Appeal Referral
Michael Ravnitzky

In our search for records responsive to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeal from Mr. Michael Ravnitzky, dated 23 June 2003, the NRO has identified one record consisting of 4 pages that is responsive to his request. This record contains DoD equities and is being provided to you for treatment and release directly to the requestor. There are no NRO equities included in this record.

Per Department of Justice guidance, agencies are encouraged to place coordinations and/or referrals in their queue based on the date of the initial request, in this instance, May 2003.

If you have any questions, please call me, Chief, Information Access and Release Team, on (703) 227-9128 and reference case number F03-0033.

Linda S. Hathaway

Attachments:

1. Ltr dtd 24 May 03
2. Appeal ltr dtd 23 Jun 03
3. MOU Among USCINCPAC,
COE, & PDC

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8 June 2005

MEMORANDUM FOR THE NAVAL SECURITY GROUP COMMAND
ATTN: FOIA COORDINATOR

SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Appeal Coordination
Michael Ravnitzky

In our search for records responsive to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeal from Mr. Michael Ravnitzky, dated 23 June 2003, the NRO has identified one record consisting of 6 pages that is responsive to his request. This record was previously sent to the Chief of Naval Operations and returned by that office with the recommendation that the Naval Security Group Command review it. NRO equities have been redacted. This record is being sent to you for your review, redaction and return to the NRO.

Per Department of Justice guidance, agencies are encouraged to place coordinations and/or referrals in their queue based on the date of the initial request, in this instance, May 2003.

If you have any questions, please call me, Chief, Information Access and Release Team, on (703) 227-9128 and reference case number F03-0033.

Linda S. Hathaway

Attachments:

1. Ltr dtd 24 May 03
2. Appeal ltr dtd 23 Jun 03
3. MOU Between Navy & NRO

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

ATTENTION: (b)(6)

SUBJECT: (U) Freedom of Information Appeal Referral
Michael Ravnitzky

(U) In our search for records responsive to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeal from Mr. Michael Ravnitzky, dated 23 June 2003, the NRO has identified two documents consisting of 22 pages that are responsive to his request. These records contain CIA equities and are being provided to you for treatment and release directly to the requester. There are no NRO equities included in these records.

(U) Per Department of Justice guidance, agencies are encouraged to place coordinations and/or referrals in their queue based on the date of the initial request; in this instance, May 2003.

(U) If you have any questions, please call me, Chief, Information Access and Release Team, on (703) 227-9128 and reference case number F03-0033.

Linda S. Hathaway

Attachments:

1. (U) Ltr dtd 24 May 03
2. (U) Ltr dtd 23 Jun 03
3. (S//TK//REL to USA (b)(1)-(4),
Joint Intel Comm
Arrangement between
(b)(1)-(4), (b)(2)
4. (U) MOU Concerning
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MEMORANDUM FOR NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

SUBJECT: (U) Freedom of Information Appeal Coordination
Michael Ravnitzky - Additional Coordination Request

REFERENCE: (U) National Reconnaissance Office
Case #F03-0033

(U) In our search for records responsive to a Freedom of Information Act appeal from Mr. Michael Ravnitzky, dated 23 June 2003, the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) has identified one additional document responsive to his request that contains National Aeronautics and Space Administration equities. The document is being sent to you for your review, redaction, and return to the NRO.

(U) Per Department of Justice guidance, agencies are encouraged to place coordinations and/or referrals in their queue based on the date of the initial request; in this instance, May 2003.

(U) If you have any questions, please call me on 703-227-9128 and reference case number F03-0033.

Linda S. Hathaway
Chief, Information Access and
Release Team

Attachments:

1. (U) Ltr dtd 24 May 03
2. (U) Ltr dtd 23 Jun 03
- 3 (U//FOUO) MOU Between NRO,
AS&T & NASA JPL
dtd 5/15/03



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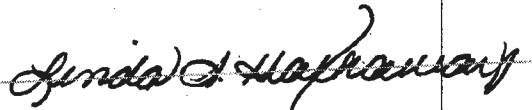
MEMORANDUM FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY
ATTENTION: FOIA OFFICER

SUBJECT: (U) Freedom of Information Appeal Coordination
Michael Ravnitzky - Additional Coordination Request

(U) In our search for records responsive to a Freedom of Information Act appeal from Mr. Michael Ravnitzky, dated 27 June 2003, the NRO has identified two additional documents, consisting of 7 pages that are responsive to his request. NRO redactions have been taken. These records contain NSA equities and are being sent to you for your review, redaction and return to the NRO.

(U) Per Department of Justice guidance, agencies are encouraged to place coordinations and/or referrals in their queue based on the date of the initial request, in this instance, May 2003.

(U) If you have any questions, please call me on (703) 227-9128 and reference case number F03-0033.


Linda S. Hathaway
Chief, Information Access
and Release Team

Attachments:

1. (U) Ltr dtd 24 May 03
2. (U) Ltr dtd 27 Jun 03
3. (U) MOU Between NSA/CSS & NRO
For Network Connectivity
4. (U//FOUO) MOU Between NSA/CSS
& NRO On IS Accreditation



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25 July 2005

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE OFFICE OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND SECURITY
REVIEW

ATTENTION: (b)(6)

SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Appeal Coordination
Michael Ravnitzky - Additional Coordination Request

(U) In our search for records responsive to the Freedom of Information Act appeal from Mr. Michael Ravnitzky, dated 23 June 2003, the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) has identified two additional records consisting of 22 pages that are responsive to his request. NRO redactions have been taken. These records contain Department of Defense equities and are being sent to you for your review, redaction, and return to the NRO.

(U) Per Department of Justice guidance, agencies are encouraged to place coordinations and/or referrals in their queue based on the date of the initial request, in this instance, May 2003.

(U) If you have any questions, please call me on 703-227-9128 and reference case number F03-0033.

Linda S. Hathaway

Linda S. Hathaway
Chief, Information Access
and Release Team

Attachments:

1. (U) Ltr dtd 24 May 03
2. (U) Ltr dtd 23 Jun 03
3. (S//TK) MOU Between NRO/OSL,
NRO/COMM, SMC/CL & CLSC
4. (U) MOU Between NRO/OSL &
30th Space Wing Safety

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22 March 2006

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

ATTENTION: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: (U) Freedom of Information Appeal (Second Referral)
Michael Ravnitzky

(U) In our search for records responsive to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeal from Mr. Michael Ravnitzky, dated 23 June 2003, the NRO has identified one additional document consisting of 7 pages that is responsive to his request. This record contains CIA equities and is being provided to you for treatment and release directly to the requester.

(U) The responsive record was initially referred to NSA for review of their equities and direct response to the requester. NSA responded with redactions and the recommendation for referral to the CIA. There are no NRO equities included in this record.

(U) Per Department of Justice guidance, agencies are encouraged to place coordinations and/or referrals in their queue based on the date of the initial request; in this instance, May 2003.

(U) If you have any questions, please call me on (703) 227-9128 and reference NRO case number F03-0033.

Linda S. Hathaway
Chief, Information Access
and Release Team

Attachments:

1. (U) Ltr dtd 24 May 03
2. (U) Ltr dtd 23 Jun 03
3. (U) NSA/CSS Letter
4. (U) MOU Between NSA/CSS &
CIA/OS

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29 June 2006

MEMORANDUM FOR JET PROPULSION LABORATORIES (JPL)

SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Appeal Coordination
Michael Ravnitzky

REFERENCE: National Reconnaissance Office
Case Number F03-0033

In our search for records responsive to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeal from Mr. Michael Ravnitzky, dated 27 June 2003, the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) has identified one document responsive to his request that contains equities belonging to your organization.

While your organization is not subject to the federal FOIA, there may be proprietary information contained in this record. Please advise within thirty days of the date of this letter if you have any objections to the release of this record as redacted by the NRO.

If you have any questions, please call me on (703) 227-9128 and reference our case number.

Linda S. Hathaway

Attachments:

1. (U) Ltr dtd 24 May 03
2. (U) Ltr dtd 17 Jun 03
3. (U) Ltr dtd 23 Jun 03
4. (U//FOUO) MOU Between NRO AS&T
& NASA JPL dtd 5/15/03

Mr. Michael Ravnitzky

(b)(1) (S)
(b)(6)

Dear Mr. Ravnitzky:

This is in response to your letter dated 13 June 2003, received in the Information Access and Release Center of the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) on 17 June 2003. You are appealing our use of Section 502 of the Intelligence Authorization Act of 2003 on your request for records pertaining to ". . . NRO Comity Agreements and Memoranda of Understanding." For reference purposes, your case number is F03-0033.

As the Appellate Authority, and after a complete review, I have determined that the records responsive to your request are segregable. As the second interim release to your request, we are forwarding 16 records, totaling 57 pages which are being granted in part, and two records, totaling 10 pages, which are being granted in full. Additionally, I have determined that one record, totaling four pages, is denied in full. The denied record and portions of the records being released to you are being withheld pursuant to the following FOIA exemptions:

- (b) (1) As properly classified information under Executive Order 12958, Section 1.4(c); and exemption (b) (3), which applies to information specifically exempt by statute, the National Security Act of 1947, 50 U.S.C. § 403-3(c) (7), which protects intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure;
- (b) (2) High, which pertains solely to the internal rules and practices of an agency and allows the withholding of information which, if released, would allow circumvention of an organization rule, policy, or statute, thereby impeding the agency in the conduct of its mission;

- (b)(3) Which allows the withholding of information prohibited from disclosure by statute, 10 U.S.C. § 424 which states: "Except as required by the President or as provided in subsection (c), no provision of law shall be construed to require the disclosure of (1) The organization or any function . . . (2) . . . number of persons employed by or assigned or detailed to any such organization or the name, official title, occupational series, grade, or salary of any such person . . . (b) Covered Organizations . . . the National Reconnaissance Office";

- (b)(4) Which applies to information such as trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a company on a privileged or confidential basis which, if released, would result in competitive harm to the company;

- (b)(5) Inter-agency or intra-agency memoranda which are deliberative in nature; and

- (b)(6) Which applies to records which if released would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of individuals.

Please be advised that a number of records contain the equities of other agencies and have therefore been forwarded to them for coordination or direct response to you, as required by Executive Order 12958. We will forward the coordinated records to you as soon as the reviews are returned to us from the appropriate agencies.

You are advised that you are entitled to a judicial review of this determination in a United States District Court in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552 as amended.

Sincerely,

Dennis Fitzgerald

Enclosures:
MOUs (67 pages)

26 September 2006

MEMORANDUM FOR PRESIDENT AND CEO
UNIVERSITY CORPORATION FOR INTERNET DEVELOPMENT

SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Appeal Coordination
Michael Ravnitzky

REFERENCE: National Reconnaissance Office
Case Number F03-0033

As you are aware, the "Memorandum of Understanding Between Internet 2 Initiative of University Corporation For Advanced Internet Development and Global Grid/ATD Net Initiative of the National Reconnaissance Office on the Collaboration in Research, Development and Testing of Information Infrastructures" has been requested under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

In your response to our letter dated 29 March 2005, you indicated that you objected to the release of this document, but did not provide any justification to withhold the information. Additionally, there are no exemptions that can be used to protect this unclassified agreement from release under FOIA.

In accordance with guidance received from the NRO Office of General Counsel, this record will be included in an official release to the requester.

If you have any questions, please call me on (703) 227-9128 and reference our case number.

Linda S. Hathaway
Chief, Information Access and
Release Team

Attachment:
MOU Between UCAID & NRO

NRO Approved For Release

26 September 2007

MEMORANDUM FOR NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

SUBJECT: (U) Freedom of Information Referral
Ravnitzky

REFERENCE: (U) National Reconnaissance Office
Case #F03-0033

(U) In our search for records responsive to a Freedom of Information Act request from Mr. Michael Ravnitzky, dated 23 June 2003, the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) has identified one document responsive to his request that contains National Aeronautics and Space Administration equities. The document contains no NRO equities that require continued protection. The Department of State has also reviewed the subject document, and found that it contains no Department of State equities (see attachment 3). This document is being sent to you for your review, redaction, and direct response to the requester.

(U) Per Department of Justice guidance, agencies are encouraged to place referrals in their queue based on the date of the initial request, in this instance, 15 February 2007.

U) If you have any questions, please call me on 703-227-9128 and reference case number F03-0033.

Linda S. Hathaway
Chief, Information Access and
Release Team

Attachments:

1. (U) Ravnitzky request dtd 23 Jun 2003
2. (U) MOU Between the Indian Space Research Organisation
and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration
3. (U) United States Department of State memo dtd. 27 Feb 2007

NRO Approved For Release

25 October 2007

MEMORANDUM FOR THE NAVAL SECURITY GROUP COMMAND
ATTN: FOIA COORDINATOR

SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Appeal Coordination
Michael Ravnitzky

In our search for records responsive to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeal from Mr. Michael Ravnitzky, dated 23 June 2003, the NRO identified one record consisting of 6 pages that is responsive to his request. This record was previously sent to the Chief of Naval Operations and returned by that office with the recommendation that the Naval Security Group Command review it. NRO equities were redacted, and the record was originally sent to your office on/about 8 June 2005 for your review, redaction and return to the NRO.

As of this date, our records indicate that we have not received a response from your office. We request that you provide us with an update on the status of this case.

Per Department of Justice guidance, agencies are encouraged to place coordinations and/or referrals in their queue based on the date of the initial request, in this instance, May 2003.

If you have any questions, please call me, Chief, Information Access and Release Team, on (703) 227-9128 and reference case number F03-0033.

Linda S. Hathaway

Attachment:
Original request for review dtd 8 June 2005

NRO Approved For Release

Mr. Michael Ravnitzky

(b)(6)

Dear Mr. Ravnitzky:

This is in response to your letter dated 13 June 2003, received in the Information Access and Release Center of the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) on 17 June 2003. You are appealing our use of Section 502 of the Intelligence Authorization Act of 2003 on your request for records pertaining to ". . . NRO Comity Agreements and Memoranda of Understanding." For reference purposes, your case number is F03-0033.

As the Appellate Authority, and after a complete review, I have determined that the records responsive to your request are segregable. As the second interim release to your request, we are forwarding 16 records, totaling 57 pages which are being granted in part, and two records, totaling 10 pages, which are being granted in full. Additionally, I have determined that one record, totaling four pages, is denied in full. The denied record and portions of the records being released to you are being withheld pursuant to the following FOIA exemptions:

- (b) (1) As properly classified information under Executive Order 12958, Section 1.4(c); and exemption (b) (3), which applies to information specifically exempt by statute, the National Security Act of 1947, 50 U.S.C. § 403-3(c) (7), which protects intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure;

- (b) (2) High, which pertains solely to the internal rules and practices of an agency and allows the withholding of information which, if released, would allow circumvention of an organization rule, policy, or statute, thereby impeding the agency in the conduct of its mission;

- (b) (3) Which allows the withholding of information prohibited from disclosure by statute, 10 U.S.C. § 424 which states: "Except as required by the President or as provided in subsection (c), no provision of law shall be construed to require the disclosure of (1) The organization or any function . . . (2) . . . number of persons employed by or assigned or detailed to any such organization or the name, official title, occupational series, grade, or salary of any such person . . . (b) Covered Organizations . . . the National Reconnaissance Office";

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- (b) (5) Inter-agency or intra-agency memoranda which are deliberative in nature; and

- (b) (6) Which applies to records which if released would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of individuals.

Please be advised that a number of records contain the equities of other agencies and have therefore been forwarded to them for coordination or direct response to you, as required by Executive Order 12958. We will forward the coordinated records to you as soon as the reviews are returned to us from the appropriate agencies.

You are advised that you are entitled to a judicial review of this determination in a United States District Court in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552 as amended.

Sincerely,

Dennis Fitzgerald

Enclosures:
MOUs (67 pages)

NRO Approved For Release

NRO Approved For Release

9 February 2009

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, INFORMATION
AND PRIVACY COORDINATORSUBJECT: (U) Freedom of Information Act Appeal Referral
Michael RavnitzkyREFERENCE: (U) National Reconnaissance Office
Case Number F03-0033

(U//FOUO) In our search for records responsive to a Freedom of Information Act request from Michael Ravnitzky, dated 23 June 2003, the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) has identified one record, consisting of five pages, responsive to his request that contains Central Intelligence Agency equities. This document contains no NRO equities requiring protection. The Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) has also reviewed the document, and OSD has no objection to release of the document.

(U) Please note that the original coordination request to the Department of Defense included nine pages. Upon review, the NRO has determined that only five pages of those nine are responsive to Mr. Ravnitzky's request. The remaining pages consist of a transmittal memo that is not part of the text of the actual Memorandum of Understanding. These pages are not included in this package. The resulting five-page document is being sent to you for your review, redaction, and direct response to the requester. Please note that the address shown on the 23 June 2003 request letter is no longer valid. The current mailing address for the requester is:

Michael Ravnitzky

(b)(6)

(U) If you have any questions, please call me, Chief, Information Access and Release Team on (703) 227-9128 and reference our Case #F03-0033.

Linda S. Hathaway

Attachments:

1. (U) Ravnitzky Request letter dtd. 23 June 2003
2. (U) Department of Defense coordination response dtd. 17 Oct 2008
3. (U) Memorandum of Understanding for National Security Space Management

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6 February 2009

MEMORANDUM FOR DEPARTMENT OF NAVY
CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS
FOIA REQUESTER SERVICE CENTER

SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Appeal Coordination
Michael Ravnitzky

(U//FOUO) In our search for records responsive to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeal from Mr. Michael Ravnitzky, dated 23 June 2003, the NRO identified one record containing Department of Navy equities that was originally sent to the Chief of Naval Operations for review for NAVY equities and return to the NRO. In 2005, in response to this original request, the document was returned to us with the recommendation that it be forwarded to the Naval Security Group Command for review. The NRO sent the package for review to the Naval Security Group Command on 8 June 2005. A request for an update on the status of this case was sent on 25 October 2007. To date, we have received no further response from any Navy element.

(S//TK) A copy of the package that was sent to the Naval Security Group Command in 2005 is attached. This package includes a single document, entitled "Memorandum of Understanding Between the Department of the Navy and the National Reconnaissance Office," that is forwarded for your review, redaction, and return to the NRO.

(U) Per Department of Justice guidance, agencies are encouraged to place coordinations and/or referrals in their queue based on the date of the initial request, in this instance, May 2003.

(U) If you have any questions, please call me, Chief, Information Access and Release Team, on (703) 227-9128 and reference case number F03-0033.

Linda S. Hathaway

Attachment: NRO Coordination request package, dtd. 8 June 2005

DECL ON: 20330215
DRV FROM: NRO SCG 6.0
21 May 2005

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NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

14675 Lee Road
Chantilly, VA 20151-1715

NRO Approved For Release

15 April 2009

Mr. Michael Ravnitzky

(b)(7)
(b)(6)

Dear Mr. Ravnitzky:

This is in response to your letter dated 13 June 2003, received in the Information Access and Release Center of the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) on 17 June 2003. You are appealing our use of Section 502 of the Intelligence Authorization Act of 2003 on your request for records pertaining to "... NRO Comity Agreements and Memoranda of Understanding." For reference purposes, your case number is F03-0033.

As the Appellate Authority, and after a complete review, I have determined that the records responsive to your request are segregable. In April 2005, eight records, totaling twenty-seven pages were released to you in part as an initial interim release. As the second interim release to your request, we are forwarding two records, totaling ten pages, which are being granted in full; and twelve records, totaling forty-four pages which are being granted in part. Eight records, comprising seventy-three pages, are denied in full. The denied records, and denied portions of the records being released are withheld pursuant to the following FOIA exemptions:

- (b) (1) as properly classified information under Executive Order 12958, Section 1.4 (b), (c), (d), (e), (g), and (h); and exemption (b) (3), which applies to information specifically exempt by statute, specifically 50 U.S.C. § 403-1, which protects intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure;

- (b) (2) High, which pertains solely to the internal rules and practices of an agency and allows the withholding of information which, if released, would allow circumvention of an organization rule, policy, or statute, thereby impeding the agency in the conduct of its mission;

- (b)(3) which allows the withholding of information prohibited from disclosure by statute, 10 U.S.C. § 424 which states: "Except as required by the President or as provided in subsection (c), no provision of law shall be construed to require the disclosure of (1) The organization or any function . . . (2) . . . number of persons employed by or assigned or detailed to any such organization or the name, official title, occupational series, grade, or salary of any such person . . . (b) Covered Organizations . . . the National Reconnaissance Office";

- (b)(4) which applies to proprietary information obtained from a company which, if released, would result in competitive harm to the company; and

- (b)(6) which applies to records which if released would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of individuals.

Please be advised that additional records contain other agencies' equities. Twenty-two records, totaling 183 pages, have been forwarded to other agencies for their review, redaction, and direct response to you, as required by Executive Order 12958. There are further additional documents still in coordination with other agencies, for their review and return to the NRO for our final release determination. We will continue our efforts to obtain the responses we need to resolve these remaining documents and complete your request.

You are advised that you are entitled to a judicial review of this determination in a United States District Court in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552 as amended.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Charles Barlow", written over a horizontal line.

Charles Barlow

Enclosures: 14 MOUs (54 pages)

NRO Approved For Release



NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

14875 Lee Road
Chantilly, VA 20151-1715

NRO Approved For Release

23 April 2009

(b)(6)

President and CEO
Internet2
1000 Oakbrook Drive
Suite 300
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Dear (b)(6)

This is in regard to a document located by the National Reconnaissance Office in response to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeal from Mr. Michael Ravnitzky, dated 27 June 2003. This document, entitled "Memorandum of Understanding Between Internet 2 Initiative of University Corporation For Advanced Internet Development and Global Grid/ATD Net Initiative of the National Reconnaissance Office on the Collaboration in Research, Development and Testing of Information Infrastructures," is part of a package of documents being prepared for release to the requester.

In correspondence dated 29 March 2005, we provided a copy of this document to Internet2 for review for proprietary information. In a response dated 4 April 2005, (b)(6) Vice President for Operations, indicated that Internet2 objected to the release of this document, but did not provide any justification to withhold the information.

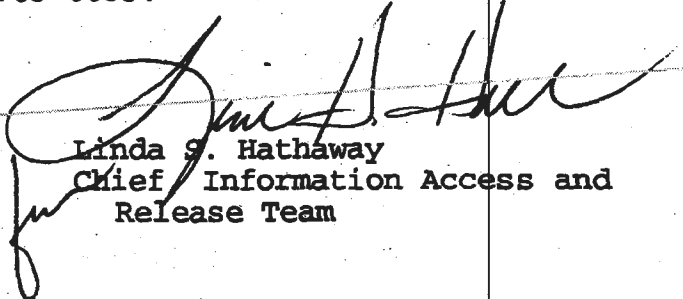
There is no defensible application of FOIA exemptions to justify withholding this document from release in part. In accordance with guidance received from the NRO Office of General Counsel, this record will be included in an official release to the requester. A copy of the record, as it will be released, is attached for your information. The information that is being withheld is denied pursuant to FOIA exemptions:

(b)(3) which allows the withholding of information prohibited from disclosure by statute, 10 U.S.C. § 424 which states: "Except as required by the President or as provided in subsection (c), no provision of law shall be construed to require the disclosure of (1) The organization or any function . . . (2) . . . number of persons employed by or assigned or detailed to any such organization or the name, official title, occupational series, grade, or salary of any such person . . . (b) Covered Organizations . . . the

National Reconnaissance Office"; and

(b) (6) Which applies to records which, if released, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of individuals.

If you have any questions, please call me on (703) 227-9128 and reference our case number F03-0033.



Linda S. Hathaway
Chief Information Access and
Release Team

Attachments:

1. Ravnitzky letter dtd. 27 June 2003
2. NRO memorandum for Internet2, dtd. 29 March 2005
3. Internet2 letter to the NRO, dtd. 5 April 2005
4. Memorandum of Understanding between Internet2 Initiative of UCAID and the NRO, as treated for release

NRO Approved For Release

(b)(2), (b)(6)

From: (b)(2), (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, June 02, 2009 11:28 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: Status of requests

NRO Approved For Release

Mr. Ravnitzky:

This is in response to your request for information about your FOIA/MDR cases. You have three cases open with the NRO.

F03-0033 Appeal – Memoranda of Understanding

- Remaining documents are in the queue awaiting review and release determination at two other government agencies. Status checked regularly with those agencies. A vast majority of the responsive documents that were deemed releasable have already been released to you

E08-0010 – A History of Satellite Reconnaissance, Vols IIIa and IIIb
Documents are being reviewed by another agency.

F09-0009 - Links to Town Hall web page
- Initial treatment completed. Preparing final coordination package.

You may contact the Requester Service Center at 703 227-9326 to request a status. You can also email FOIA@nro.mil. In an effort to save staff time and resources, please refer to your cases by their number.

(b)(2), (b)(6)

NRO FOIA Staff

F06-0057

(b) (3), (b) (6)

From:

(b) (6)

Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2006 4:33 PM

To: foia@nro.mil

Subject: FOIA Request

NRO FOIA Coordinator
14675 Lee Road
Chantilly, VA 20151-1715

Dear FOIA Coordinator:

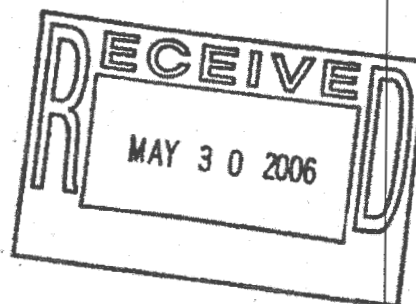
This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. §552). I request that a copy of the following records be provided to me : Any information including photographs regarding Vernard H. Webb and his involvement in the Corona Space Program. Corona was the nation's first photo reconnaissance satellite system, operating from August 1960 until May 1972. The program was declassified in February 1995.

In order to help you determine mv status for the purpose of assessing fees, you should know that Vernard H. Webb (b) (6) and I am a private individual doing personal research on his involvement above.

I am willing to pay fees if my request for a waiver is denied not to exceed \$ 25.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)





NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

14675 Lee Road
Chantilly, VA 20151-1715

1 June 2006

(b)(6)
[Redacted]

Dear (b)(6)

This is in response to your e-mail, dated 30 May 2006, received in the Information Management Services Center of the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) on 30 May 2006. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), you requested "Any information including photographs regarding Vernard H. Webb and his involvement in the Corona Space Program. . . "

We have accepted your request. It will be processed in accordance with the FOIA, as amended, Title 5 U.S.C. § 552.

Since we may not respond within the 20 working days stipulated by the Act, you have the right to consider this as a denial and may appeal to the NRO Appeal Review Panel. It would seem more reasonable, however, to have us continue processing your request and respond as soon as we can. You may appeal any denial of records at that time. Unless we hear from you otherwise, we will assume that you agree, and will proceed on this basis.

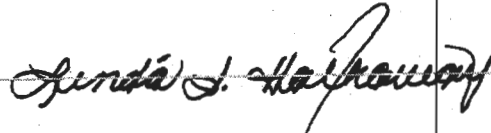
The FOIA authorizes federal agencies to assess fees for record services. You have been placed in the fee category "others" for purposes of this request. This means you will be responsible for the cost of search time exceeding two hours and reproduction costs after the first 100 pages.

Regarding your request for a fee waiver, please be advised that fee waivers or reductions are granted when there is a public interest in disclosure of information, which will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of the operations or activities of the NRO. A decision to waive or reduce fees cannot be made until after any responsive documents to be disclosed have been reviewed for "public interest."

You have the right to appeal this determination by addressing your appeal to the NRO Appeal Authority, 14675 Lee Road, Chantilly, VA 20151-1715 within 60 days of the above date. Should you decide to do this, please explain the basis of your appeal.

If you have any questions, please call the Requester Service Center at (703) 227-9326 and reference case number F06-0057.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Linda S. Hathaway".

Linda S. Hathaway
Chief, Information Access
and Release Team

NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

14675 Lee Road
Chantilly, VA 20151-1715

3 August 2006

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, INFORMATION
AND PRIVACY COORDINATOR

SUBJECT: (U) Freedom of Information Request Referral

(b)(6)

REFERENCE: (U) National Reconnaissance Office
Case Number F06-0057

(U) In our search for records responsive to a Freedom of Information Act request from (b)(6) dated 30 May 2006, the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) has identified one record responsive to his request that contains Central Intelligence Agency equities. NRO equities have been redacted. This record is being sent to you for your review, redaction, and return to the NRO.

(U) If you have any questions, please call me, Chief, Information Access and Release Team on (703) 227-9128 and reference our case number.

Linda S. Hathaway
Linda S. Hathaway

Attachments:

1. (U) Ltr dtd 30 May 06
2. (TS//TK) Chronology of NRO-CIA Relationships, 1960-66

UNCLASSIFIED when separated from
attachments and sanitized

DECL ON: X1
DRV FROM: NRO SCG 6.0
21 May 2005

4 August 2006

(b)(6)

Dear (b)(6)

This is in response to your e-mail, dated 30 May 2006, received in the Information Management Services Center of the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) on 30 May 2006. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), you requested "Any information including photographs regarding Vernard H. Webb and his involvement in the Corona Space Program. . ."

Your request was processed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, as amended, Title 5 U.S.C. § 552 and Section 502 of the Intelligence Authorization Act of 2003. A thorough search of our files and databases located five records, consisting of six hundred seventy-six pages that are responsive to your request. As an interim release, we are providing four of the five records.

These documents are being released to you with portions withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions:

(b)(1) As properly classified information under Executive Order 12958, Section 1.4(c); and exemption (b)(3) which applies to information specifically exempt by statute, the National Security Act of 1947, 50 U.S.C. § 403-3(c)(7) which protects intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure;

(b)(3) Which allows the withholding of information prohibited from disclosure by statute, 10 U.S.C. § 424 which states: "Except as required by the President or as provided in subsection (c), no provision of law shall be construed to require the disclosure of (1) The organization or any function . . . (2) . . . number of persons employed by or assigned or detailed to any such organization or the name, official title, occupational series, grade, or salary of any such person . . . (b) Covered Organizations . . . the National Reconnaissance Office"; and

(b)(6) which applies to records which if released would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of individuals.

Please be advised that one responsive record contains the equities of other agencies and therefore has been forwarded to them for coordination as required by Executive Order 12958. We will evaluate that record as soon as the reviews are returned to us from the coordinating agencies.

As you are aware, the FOIA authorizes federal agencies to assess fees for record services. Based upon the information provided, you have been placed in the "other" category of requesters, which means that a requester is responsible for charges incurred for the cost of search time exceeding two hours and duplication in excess of the first 100 pages of document reproduction in the processing of this request. The costs associated with processing your request include 4 hours of professional search time (2 for billing purposes) at the rate of \$44.00 per hour and 475 pages of duplication (375 for billing purposes) at the rate of .15 per page, for a total of \$144.25. In this case, all fees are being waived.

You have the right to appeal this determination by addressing your appeal to the NRO Appeal Authority, 14675 Lee Road, Chantilly, VA 20151-1715, however, we ask that you hold all administrative appeals until all records have been accounted for.

If you have any questions, please call the Requester Service Center at (703) 227-9326 and reference case number F06-0057.

Sincerely,

Linda S. Hathaway
Chief, Information Access
And Release Team

Attachments:

1. Mgmt of the National
Reconnaissance Program
1960-1965 (209 pgs)
2. The Corona Story (183 pgs)
3. NRO Oral History Program,
Interview w/Col Vernard (82 pgs)
4. Cable Message from Webb (1 pg)

**NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE**14675 Lee Road
Chantilly, VA 20151-1715

31 January 2007

(b)(6)

Dear (b)(6)

This is in response to your e-mail, dated 30 May 2006, received in the Information Management Services Center of the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) on 30 May 2006. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), you requested "Any information including photographs regarding Vernard H. Webb and his involvement in the Corona Space Program. . . ."

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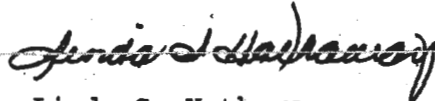
Please be advised that one responsive record contains the equities of other agencies and therefore has been forwarded to them for coordination as required by Executive Order 12958. We will evaluate that record as soon as the reviews are returned to us from the coordinating agencies.

As you are aware, the FOIA authorizes federal agencies to assess fees for record services. Based upon the information provided, you have been placed in the "other" category of requesters, which means that a requester is responsible for charges incurred for the cost of search time exceeding two hours and duplication in excess of the first 100 pages of document reproduction in the processing of this request. The costs associated with processing your request include 4 hours of professional search time (2 for billing purposes) at the rate of \$44.00 per hour and 475 pages of duplication (375 for billing purposes) at the rate of .15 per page, for a total of \$144.25. In this case, all fees are being waived.

You have the right to appeal this determination by addressing your appeal to the NRO Appeal Authority, 14675 Lee Road, Chantilly, VA 20151-1715, however, we ask that you hold all administrative appeals until all records have been accounted for.

If you have any questions, please call the Requester Service Center at (703) 227-9326 and reference case number F06-0057.

Sincerely,



Linda S. Hathaway
Chief, Information Access
And Release Team

Attachments:

1. Mgmt of the National
Reconnaissance Program
1960-1965 (209 pgs)
2. The Corona Story (183 pgs)
3. NRO Oral History Program,
Interview w/Col Vernard (82 pgs)
4. Cable Message from Webb (1 pg)



NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

14675 Lee Road
Chantilly, VA 20151-1715

7 February 2007

(b)(6)

Dear (b)(6)

This is in response to your phone call to the Requester Service Center on 6 February 2007. We are providing to you the two documents that were omitted in error from the letter sent previously, dated 31 January 2007.

Please accept our apologies for the inadvertent oversight.

If you have any questions, please call the Requester Service Center at (703) 227-9326 and reference case number F06-0057.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Linda S. Hathaway".

Linda S. Hathaway
Chief, Information Access
And Release Team

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25 April 2007

MEMORANDUM FOR THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY
CENTRAL SECURITY SERVICE
ATTENTION: FOIA/PA OFFICE

SUBJECT: (U) Freedom of Information Request Referral

(b)(6)

REFERENCE: (U) National Reconnaissance Office
Case Number F06-0057

(U) In our search for records responsive to a Freedom of Information Act request from (b)(6) dated 30 May 2006, the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) has identified one record responsive to his request that contains the National Security Agency equities. NRO equities have been redacted. This record is being sent to you for your review, redaction, and return to the NRO.

(U) If you have any questions, please call me, Chief, Information Access and Release Team on (703) 227-9128 and reference our case number.

Linda S. Hathaway

Attachments:

1. (U)Ltr dtd 30 May 06
2. (TS//TK)Chronology of NRO-CIA Relationships, 1960-66

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attachments and sanitized

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25 April 2007

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE NATIONAL GEOSPATIAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL**

SUBJECT: (U) Freedom of Information Request Referral

(b)(6)

REFERENCE: (U) National Reconnaissance Office
Case Number F06-0057

(U) In our search for records responsive to a Freedom of Information Act request from (b)(6) dated 30 May 2006, the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) has identified one record responsive to his request that contains National Geospatial Intelligence Agency equities. NRO equities have been redacted. This record is being sent to you for your review, redaction, and return to the NRO.

(U) If you have any questions, please call me, Chief, Information Access and Release Team on (703) 227-9128 and reference our case number.

Linda S. Hathaway

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25 April 2007

MEMORANDUM FOR DEPARTMENT OF STATE
THE OFFICE OF THE HISTORIAN
ATTENTION: (b)(6)

SUBJECT: (U) Freedom of Information Request Referral
(b)(6)

REFERENCE: (U) National Reconnaissance Office
Case Number F06-0057

(U) In our search for records responsive to a Freedom of Information Act request from (b)(6) dated 30 May 2006, the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) has identified one record responsive to his request that contains Department of State equities. NRO equities have been redacted. This record is being sent to you for your review, redaction, and return to the NRO.

(U) If you have any questions, please call me, Chief, Information Access and Release Team on (703) 227-9128 and reference our case number.

Linda S. Hathaway

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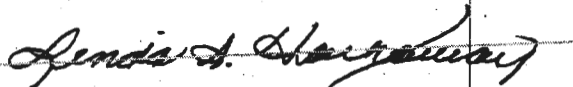
Dear (b)(6)

We are writing to update you on the status of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated 30 May 2006.

Pursuant to the FOIA, you requested "a copy of any information including photographs regarding Vernard H. Webb and his involvement in the Corona Space Program...". The documents you requested have been located and are currently being coordinated with other outside agencies for further review for their equities. As soon as all responses have been received, we will consolidate them and proceed with finalization of your request.

If you have any questions, please call me at 703-227-9326 and reference case number F06-0057.

Sincerely,



Linda S. Hathaway
Chief, Information Access
and Release Team



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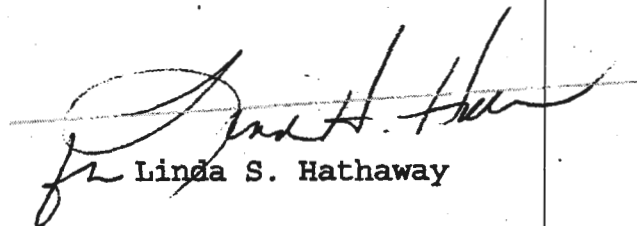
MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY BOARD (PIAB)
ATTENTION: FOIA OFFICE

SUBJECT: (U) Freedom of Information Request Referral
(b)(6)

REFERENCE: (U) National Reconnaissance Office
Case Number F06-0057

(U) In our search for records responsive to a Freedom of Information Act request from (b)(6), dated 30 May 2006, the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) has identified one record responsive to his request that contains PIAB equities. NRO equities have been redacted. This record is being sent to you for your review, redaction, and return to the NRO.

(U) If you have any questions, please call me, Chief, Information Access and Release Team on (703) 227-9128 and reference our case number.


for Linda S. Hathaway

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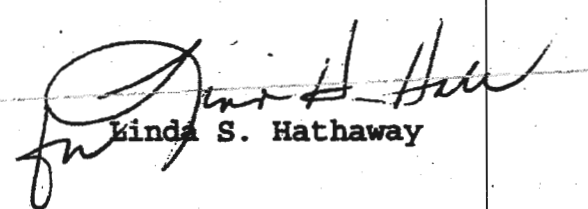
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31 March 2008

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
ATTENTION: FOIA STAFF, CODE DAN-1A (FOIA)SUBJECT: (U) Freedom of Information Request Referral
(b)(6)REFERENCE: (U) National Reconnaissance Office
Case Number F06-0057
Ref: Case 0322-2008

(U) In our search for records responsive to a Freedom of Information Act request from (b)(6) dated 30 May 2006, the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) has identified one record responsive to his request that contains the Defense Intelligence Agency equities. NRO equities have been redacted. This record is being sent to you for your review, redaction, and return to the NRO.

(U) If you have any questions, please call me, Chief, Information Access and Release Team on (703) 227-9128 and reference our case number.



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(b)(3), (b)(6)

From: (b)(6)

Sent: Thursday, January 08, 2009 2:05 PM

To: (b)(3), (b)(6)

Subject: FW: FOIA Case F06-0057 - Request for Coordination --- TOP SECRET//25X1 20340107 [TOP SECRET, Record]

(b)(3), (b)(6) my director reviewed this this morning, and you are good to go. We (the PIAF, as we're now called) have no objection to your releasing the information in F06-0057 concerning the PFIAB per your standard procedures for responding to FOIA requests.

Regards,

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)

Sent: Wednesday, January 07, 2009 6:04 PM

To: (b)(3), (b)(6)

Subject: RE: FOIA Case F06-0057 - Request for Coordination --- TOP SECRET//25X1 20340107 [TOP SECRET, Record]

(b)(3), (b)(6) I have reminded my director about this, and she said she'll try to take a look at it tomorrow -- this is our time for tying up loose ends, as we go thru transition. I'll let you know as soon as I can.

(b)(6)

PS-Happy New Year to you, too.

From: (b)(3), (b)(6)

Sent: Wednesday, January 07, 2009 8:18 AM

To: (b)(6)

Cc: FOIA (IART)

Subject: RE: FOIA Case F06-0057 - Request for Coordination --- TOP SECRET//25X1 20340107

classification: TOP SECRET//25X1 20340107

(b)(6)

Happy New Year (b)(6) Can you please provide me with a status update on this case? Thanks!

(b)(3), (b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2008 2:36 PM
To: (b)(3), (b)(6)
Subject: RE: FOIA Case F06-0057 - Request for Coordination --- TOP SECRET//25X1 20331124 [TOP SECRET, Record]

Thanks. My intent is to resolve this sometime next week, which I think I can do quickly because I can mark the pages with PFIAB equities and (b)(6) won't have to read the whole thing.

(b)(6)

From: (b)(3), (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2008 8:16 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: FOIA (IART)
Subject: RE: FOIA Case F06-0057 - Request for Coordination --- TOP SECRET//25X1 20331124

classification: TOP SECRET//25X1 20331124

(b)(6)

Not a problem, this is just our effort to keep on top of status. If I don't hear from you by latter part of December, I will give you a holler.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

(b)(3), (b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Saturday, November 22, 2008 2:14 PM
To: (b)(3), (b)(6)
Subject: RE: FOIA Case F06-0057 - Request for Coordination --- TOP SECRET//25X1 20331120 [TOP SECRET, Record]

Hi, (b)(3).

I read thru F06-0057. Normally, I focus on IOB reports the potential for assertion of executive privilege. Since this is a PIAB matter with other equities, I need to have the Executive Director sign off on our response, which I will recommend to be "no objection." Now the bad news: she will be out until 1 DEC, the Monday after Thanksgiving. If that's a problem, let me know and I'll see if I can email her an unclas summary and get her approval more quickly. Honestly, I think she'll want to see it, but I feel obliged to try, since I dropped the ball on this one.

Regards,

(b)(6)

From: (b)(3), (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2008 11:33 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: FOIA (IART)
Subject: RE: FOIA Case F06-0057 - Request for Coordination --- TOP SECRET//25X1 20331120

classification: TOP SECRET//25X1 20331120

(b)(6)

Thanks for your quick response! We did receive your 10 Nov 2008 response. This letter however did not reference a case number, but did reference our letter (memo) to you of 25 August 2008 which pertained to Case F07-0061, also sent to the PFIAB for review and concurrence.

Case F06-0057 (the one in question) is another FOIA request from a (b)(3), (b)(6) which we sent to you via e-mail on April 1 & 2, 2008 (our memo dated 31 March 2008).

To clarify, details regarding both cases are as follows:

Case F07-0061 consisted of 5 reports titled "Report to the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board on the National Reconnaissance Program." Each report had different dates. This was a request from Mr. Scott Wenger.

Case F06-0057 consisted of a single document titled, "NRO-CIA Relationships, 1960-1966." You confirmed you received this document and cover memo via e-mail on 2 April 08.

Please confirm that the letter you sent us dated 10 November 08 is truly in response to Case F07-0061 (document above); our memo to you of 25 August 08. There was no document attached and no reference to the title of the document or Case Number in your letter.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this for further clarification, please give me a call!

Thanks,

(b)(3), (b)(6)

From: (b)(3), (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2008 11:03 AM
To: (b)(3), (b)(6)
Subject: RE: FOIA Case F06-0057 - Request for Coordination --- TOP SECRET//25X1 20331119 [TOP SECRET, Record]

(b)(3), (b)(6)

Attached is a copy of a response to Linda Hathaway I signed on 10 NOV 2008. Please advise if she has not received the original. It's possible, I suppose, it's still in the mail system.

(b)(3), (b)(6)

From: (b)(3), (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, November 19, 2008 8:41 AM
To: (b)(3), (b)(6)
Cc: FOIA (IART)
Subject: RE: FOIA Case F06-0057 - Request for Coordination --- TOP SECRET//25X1 20331119

classification: TOP SECRET//25X1 20331119

(b)(3), (b)(6)

May I please have a status update on this review? Please call me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

(b)(3), (b)(6)

From: (b)(3), (b)(6)

Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2008 9:47 AM

To: (b)(6)

Cc: FOIA (IART)

Subject: RE: FOIA Case F06-0057 - Request for Coordination --- TOP SECRET//25X1 20330930

classification: TOP SECRET//25X1 20330930

(b)(6)

May I please have an update on this review? If you have any questions, please give me a call. Thank you!

From: (b)(3), (b)(6)

Sent: Tuesday, April 01, 2008 9:23 AM

To: (b)(6)

Cc: FOIA (IART)

Subject: FOIA Case F06-0057 - Request for Coordination --- TOP SECRET//25X1 20330401

classification: TOP SECRET//25X1 20330401

(b)(6)

Attached, please find our request for coordination and subject document. Please handle this document as TOP SECRET as it is currently out for coordination to various agencies.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

(b)(3), (b)(6)

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(b)(3), (b)(6)

From: (b)(3), (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 9:05 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: FOIA (IART)
Subject: FOIA Case F06-0057 — UNCLASSIFIED//FOUO
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(b)(6)

I talked with you last on 9 January 09 regarding status of this case. You said that all inputs were in and it was awaiting processing. You had requested I follow up in a couple of weeks. Here I am! Will we be expecting a response soon?

Please give me a call if you have any questions.

(b)(3), (b)(6)

UNCLASSIFIED//FOUO

(b)(3), (b)(6)

From: (b)(3), (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2009 10:27 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: FOIA (IART)
Subject: FOIA Case F06-0057 — UNCLASSIFIED//FOUO
Classification: UNCLASSIFIED//FOUO

classification: UNCLASSIFIED//FOUO

REF: FOIA Case F06-0057; Request from (b)(6) (e-mail May 30, 2006)

(b)(6)

I talked with you last on 9 January 09 regarding the status of this case. You said that all inputs were in and you were awaiting final processing. You thought it would be another couple of weeks to get it out. Can you please give me a status on progress? I look forward to hearing from you!

(b)(3), (b)(6)

UNCLASSIFIED//FOUO

(b)(3), (b)(6)

From: (b)(3), (b)(6)

Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2009 10:29 AM

To: (b)(6)

Cc: FOIA

Subject: Case F06-0057 - Request for Records

REF: FOIA Case F06-0057; Request from (b)(6) (e-mail May 30, 2006)

(b)(6)

I talked with you last on 9 Jan 09 regarding the status of this case. You said that all inputs were in and you were awaiting final processing. You thought it would be another couple of weeks to get it out. Can you please give me a status on progress? I also sent you this request on the GWAN side. Once I have your input, we can finally close this case! Thanks and I am looking forward to hearing from you!

(b)(3), (b)(6)

*Their case #
3222008*

** 3/4/09:*

Called

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for progress / status...

Returned call....

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Being Worked

F06-0072



NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

14675 Lee Road
Chantilly, VA 20151-1715

2 August 2006

Steven Aftergood
Senior Research Analyst
Federation of American Scientists
1717 K Street N.W., Suite 209
Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear Mr. Aftergood:

This is in response to your faxed letter, dated 26 July 2006, received in the Information Management Services Center of the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) on 26 July 2006. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), you requested "a copy of all unclassified portions of the NRO Congressional Budget Justification Book (CBJB) for Fiscal Year 2007."

We have accepted your request. It will be processed in accordance with the FOIA, as amended, Title 5 U.S.C. § 552.

Since we may not respond within the 20 working days stipulated by the Act, you have the right to consider this as a denial and may appeal to the NRO Appeal Review Panel. It would seem more reasonable, however, to have us continue processing your request and respond as soon as we can. You may appeal any denial of records at that time. Unless we hear from you otherwise, we will assume that you agree, and will proceed on this basis.

The FOIA authorizes federal agencies to assess fees for record services. You have been placed in the fee category "others" for purposes of this request. This means you will be responsible for the cost of search time exceeding two hours and reproduction costs after the first 100 pages.

Regarding your request for a fee waiver, please be advised that fee waivers or reductions are granted when there is a public interest in disclosure of information, which will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of the operations or activities of the NRO. A decision to waive or

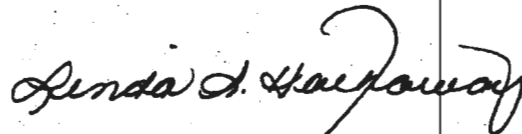
reduce fees cannot be made until after any responsive documents to be disclosed have been reviewed for "public interest."

You also requested a waiver of production costs if the fee waiver was denied and expressed a willingness to pay assessable fees up to \$50.00. We will notify you if it appears any additional fees will be incurred in processing this request.

You have the right to appeal this determination by addressing your appeal to the NRO Appeal Authority, 14675 Lee Road, Chantilly, VA 20151-1715 within 60 days of the above date. Should you decide to do this, please explain the basis of your appeal.

If you have any questions, please call the Requester Service Center at (703) 227-9326 and reference case number F06-0072.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Linda S. Hathaway".

Linda S. Hathaway
Chief, Information Access
and Release Team



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October 4, 2007

(202)454-4691

saftergood@fas.org

Information Access and Release Team

National Reconnaissance Office

14675 Lee Road

Chantilly, VA 20151-1715

By fax: (703)227-9198

RE: change of address

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing to advise you that the Federation of American Scientists has a new mailing address, effective October 1, 2007, and future correspondence regarding any of our pending FOIA requests should be sent to the new address, which is:

Federation of American Scientists

1725 DeSales St NW, 6th floor

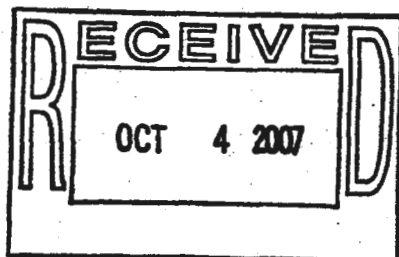
Washington, DC 20036

My pending FOIA requests at NRO include:

F07-0065

F06-0072

Thank you for your assistance.



Sincerely,

Steven Aftergood
Senior Research Analyst

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23 March 2009

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE
INFORMATION AND PRIVACY COORDINATOR**

SUBJECT: (U) Request for FOIA Coordination
Mr. Steven Aftergood

REFERENCE: (U) National Reconnaissance Office
Case Number F06-0072

(U) In our search for records responsive to a Freedom of Information Act request from Mr. Steven Aftergood, dated 26 July 2006, the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) has identified one document (596 pgs) responsive to his request. This document is being forwarded to you at the direction of our Office of General Counsel for your review, approval to release, and return to the NRO.

(U) We have enclosed the original document and the sanitized document for your review, along with supporting correspondence to assist in your review (see attachment list below).

(U) If you have any questions, please call me on 703-227-9128 and reference case number F06-0072.

Linda S. Hathaway

Linda S. Hathaway
Chief, Information Access and
Release Team

Attachments:

1. (U) Mr. Aftergood's Request Ltr dtd 26 Jul 2006 (Tab 1)
2. (U) Final Response Ltr (proposed) (Tab 2)
3. (TS) FY2007 Congressional Budget Justification (CBJ)
Original Document (Tab 3)
4. (U) FY2007 CBJ - Sanitized Document (Tab 4)

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**NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE**

14675 Lee Road
Chantilly, VA 20151-1715

6 July 2009

Mr. Steven Aftergood
Senior Research Analyst
Federation of American Scientists
1725 DeSales St NW, 6th Floor
Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear Mr. Aftergood:

This is in response to your faxed letter, dated 26 July 2006, received in the Information Management Services Center of the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) on 26 July 2006. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), you requested "a copy of all unclassified portions of the NRO Congressional Budget Justification Book (CBJB) for Fiscal Year 2007."

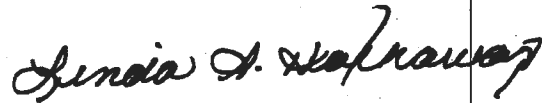
Your request was processed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended. A thorough search of our files and databases located one record, consisting of 596 pages that is responsive to your request. This record is being released to you in part. Material withheld is denied pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(3) which applies to information specifically exempt by statute, 50 U.S.C. § 403-1(i) which protects intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure.

As you are aware, the FOIA authorizes federal agencies to assess fees for record services. Based upon the information provided, you have been placed in the "other" category of requesters, which means that a requester is responsible for charges incurred for the cost of search time exceeding two hours and duplication in excess of the first 100 pages of document reproduction in the processing of this request. In your request, you expressed a willingness to pay fees up to the amount of \$50.00. The costs associated with processing your request include 496 pages at .15 per page which equals \$74.40. In this case, all fees are being waived.

You have the right to appeal this determination by addressing your appeal to the NRO Appeal Authority, 14675 Lee Road, Chantilly, VA 20151-1715 within 60 days of the above date. Should you decide to do this, please explain the basis of your appeal.

If you have any questions, please call the Requester Service Center at (703) 227-9326 and reference case number F06-0072.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Linda S. Hathaway".

Linda S. Hathaway
Chief, Information Access
And Release Team

Attachment: Document (596 pages)

F07-0088

**NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE**

14675 Lee Road
Chantilly, VA 20151-1715

2 July 2007

Jeffrey Richelson
401 S. Burnside Avenue, #8J
Los Angeles, CA 90036

Dear Mr. Richelson:

This is in response to your fax, dated 8 June 2007, received in the Information Management Services Center of the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) on 8 June 2007. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), you are requesting "a copy of LEO Systems Program Office, U.S. Navy/NRO Program C Electronic Intelligence Satellites (1958-1977), September 3, 1998."

We have accepted your request. It will be processed in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, and the NRO Operational File Exemption, 50 U.S.C. § 432a.

Since we may not respond within the 20 working days stipulated by the Act, you have the right to consider this as a denial and may appeal to the NRO Appeal Review Panel. It would seem more reasonable, however, to have us continue processing your request and respond as soon as we can. You may appeal any denial of records at that time. Unless we hear from you otherwise, we will assume that you agree, and will proceed on this basis.

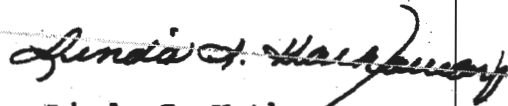
The FOIA authorizes federal agencies to assess fees for record services. Based upon the information provided, you have been placed in the "other" category of requesters, which means you are responsible for the cost of search time exceeding two hours (\$44.00/hour) and reproduction fees (.15 per page) exceeding 100 pages.

Regarding your request for a fee waiver, please be advised that fee waivers or reductions are granted when there is a public interest in disclosure of information, which will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of the operations or activities of the NRO. A decision to waive or reduce fees cannot be made until after any responsive documents to be disclosed have been reviewed for "public interest".

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If you have any questions, please call the Requester Service Center at (703) 227-9326 and reference case number F07-0088.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Linda S. Hathaway", is written over a horizontal line.

Linda S. Hathaway
Chief, Information Access
and Release Team



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NRO Approved for Release

NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

14675 Lee Road
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14 March 2008

MEMORANDUM FOR THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY
CENTRAL SECURITY SERVICE
ATTENTION: FOIA/PA OFFICE

SUBJECT: (U) Freedom of Information Request Referral
Jeffrey T. Richelson

REFERENCE: (U) National Reconnaissance Office
Case Number F07-0088

(U) In our search for records responsive to a Freedom of Information Act request from Jeffrey T. Richelson, dated 8 June 2007, the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) has identified one record responsive to his request that contains National Security Agency equities. NRO equities have been redacted. These records are being sent to you for your review, redaction, and return to the NRO.

(U) If you have any questions, please call me, Chief, Information Access and Release Team on (703) 227-9128 and reference our case number.

Linda S. Hathaway

Attachments:

1. (U) Ltr dtd 8 June 07
2. (S) U.S. Navy/NRO Program C document

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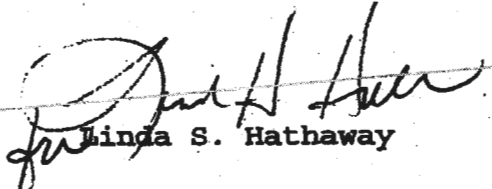
MEMORANDUM FOR THE NAVAL RESEARCH LABORATORY
ATTENTION: FOIA Coordinator, Code 1030

SUBJECT: (U) Freedom of Information Request Referral
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Hathaway Linda (MSO)

From: Hathaway Linda (MSO)
Sent: Thursday, May 01, 2008 8:57 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(3), (b)(6)
Subject: FW: NRO CASE NO. F07-0088 — SECRET//TALENT KEYHOLE//25X1 20580501 RRG dated July 2005
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(b)(6) I don't have a correct phone number for you. I think we have a disconnect here regarding POPPY. At any rate - I don't know who in your organization is aware that we now hold the POPPY documents and that 'fact of' and many facts about POPPY are releasable.

We are still working on the POPPY declassification manual and should have it finished very soon. As soon as it is completed, we will be sending it to you and NSA for your coordination and approval.

It is my understanding that you will send a NRL subject matter expert to our office to review the POPPY records once we have completed our review and redactions of the records.

While the plan is clear from the 25 year declassification aspect, we will still receive Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests in the interim. (It is unavoidable).

FOIA is a law and we just can't say "he does not want this document released". There are many ways we can protect information under FOIA but the above response will not keep us out of federal court.

When we get a FOIA case we are required to go through the 'FOIA door'. Is (b)(6) aware of the recent events with POPPY?

(b)(6) please call me at 703-227-9128 (black) or (b)(3)

Many thanks,

Linda Hathaway
Chief, IART

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, May 01, 2008 7:54 AM
To: Hathaway Linda (MSO)
Subject: NRO CASE NO. F07-0088 — SECRET//TALENT KEYHOLE//25X1 20580501 RRG dated July 2005
Importance: High

classification: SECRET//TALENT KEYHOLE//25X1 20580501 RRG dated July 2005

1. The document in regard to the subject case number was reviewed by (b)(6) Center for Space Technology.
He does not want this document released.

2. NRL does not have an SCI cleared FOIA person. (b)(6) is one of the original reviewers of the document "U.S. Navy/NRO Program C Electronic Intelligence Satellites (1958-1977)".

3. If you need further discussion with (b)(6) his phone is (b)(6) We can arrange for you to talk to him via Red Secure.

(b)(6)

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NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

14675 Lee Road
Chantilly, VA 20151-1715

12 May 2008

Mr. Jeffrey T. Richelson
401 S. Burnside Avenue, #8J
Los Angeles, CA 90036

Dear Mr. Richelson:

This is in response to your letter, dated 14 May 2007, received in the Information Management Services Center (IMSC) of the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) on 14 May 2004. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), you requested "...a copy of LEO Systems Program Office, U.S. Navy/NRO Program C Electronic Intelligence Satellites (1958-1977), September 3, 1998."

It has come to our attention that the record that you requested is part of collection that is currently being reviewed by several government agencies for declassification under a programmatic declassification effort. As you know, this is a lengthy process. As soon as the record is available, it will be forwarded to you.

If you have any questions, please call me, Chief, Information Access and Release Team on (703) 227-9128 and reference case number F07-0088.

Sincerely,

Linda S. Hathaway
Chief, Information Access
and Release Team