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FOIA Case: 75642A
20 June 2018

JOHN GREENEWALD
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Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of 15 November 2013 for Intellipedia entries on Area 51. As stated in our initial response to you, dated 17 December 2013, your request has been assigned Case Number 75642. For purposes of this request and based on the information you provided in your letter, you are considered an "all other" requester. As such, you are allowed 2 hours of search time and the duplication of 100 pages at no cost. Your request has been processed under the provisions of the FOIA. A copy of your original request is enclosed.

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In addition, personal information regarding individuals has been deleted from the enclosure in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552 (b)(6). This exemption protects from disclosure information that would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. In balancing the public interest for the information you requested against the privacy interests involved, we have determined that the privacy interests sufficiently satisfy the requirements for the application of the (b)(6) exemption.

Since these deletions may be construed as a partial denial of your request, you are hereby advised of this Agency's appeal procedures. If you decide to appeal, you should do so in the manner outlined below.

- The appeal must be in sent via U.S. postal mail, fax, or electronic delivery (e-mail) and addressed to:

NSA FOIA/PA Appeal Authority (P132)
National Security Agency
9800 Savage Road STE 6932
Fort George G. Meade, MD 20755-6932

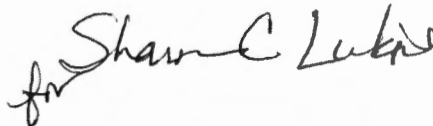
The facsimile number is (443)479-3612.

The appropriate email address to submit an appeal is FOIARSC@nsa.gov.

- It must be postmarked or delivered electronically no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Decisions appealed after 90 days will not be addressed.
- Please include the case number provided above.
- Please describe with sufficient detail why you believe the denial was unwarranted.
- NSA will endeavor to respond within 20 working days of receiving your appeal, absent any unusual circumstances.

For further assistance or to discuss your request, you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at foialo@nsa.gov. You may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. OGIS contact information is: Office of Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, MD 20740-6001; e-mail: ogis@nara.gov; main: 202-741-5770; toll free: 1-877-684-6448; or fax: 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John R. Chapman", with a stylized flourish at the end.

JOHN R. CHAPMAN
Chief, FOIA/PA Office
NSA Initial Denial Authority

Encls:
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From: donotreply@nsa.gov
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Country: United States of America

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Work Phone: [REDACTED]

Records Requested: To whom it may concern,

This is a non-commercial request made under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 5 U.S.C. S 552. My FOIA requester status as a "representative of the news media" however due to your agency's denial of this status, I hereby submit this request as an "All other" requester.

I hope a full fee waiver for this request can be considered, because all documents received will be available FREE OF CHARGE in their entirety on <http://www.theblackvault.com>. This site, run entirely by me, has been around for 17 years, and literally served more than 8,000 people a day on average. I have a unique way of disseminating this information, and can offer additional details, if needed. If a full fee waiver is denied, I please ask you contact me with a quote on how much fees will be.

I prefer electronic delivery of the requested material either via email to john@greenewald.com or via CD-ROM via postal mail. Please contact me should this FOIA request should incur a charge.

I respectfully request a copy of the Intellipedia entry for (from all three wikis that make up the Intellipedia):

AREA 51

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

Sincerely,

John Greenwald, Jr.



(U) Area 51

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From Intellipedia

You have new messages (last change).

Area 51 is a military base, and a remote detachment of Edwards Air Force Base. It is located in the southern portion of Nevada in the western United States, 83 miles (133 km) north-northwest of Las Vegas. Situated at its center, on the southern shore of Groom Lake, is a large military airfield. The base's primary purpose is to support development and testing of experimental aircraft and weapons systems.^{[1][2]}

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See the Wikipedia article
Area 51

References

1. ↑ DREAMLAND: Fifty Years of Secret Flight Testing in Nevada (http://www.dreamlandresort.com/area51/dreamland_50years.html) By Peter W. Merlin
2. ↑ Rich, p. 57. Rich describes Groom in 1977 as being "...a sprawling facility, bigger than some municipal airports, a test range for sensitive aviation projects"

Also a dining facility on Fort Bliss, TX

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(U) Area 51

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Overview

(U) Area 51 is a Dining Facility at Fort Bliss, Texas. It is utilized mainly by 2nd Brigade, 1st Armored Division. Breakfast costs \$2.45, lunch is \$4.50.

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Dining Facility Area 51

Part of Fort Bliss

El Paso, Texas



Type
Current condition
Current owner
Open to the public
Occupants

DFAC
In use
United States Army
Yes
2nd Bridge Combat Team, 1st Armored Division

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