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NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY
CENTRAL SECURITY SERVICE
FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MARYLAND 20755-6000

FOIA Case: 85590A
30 November 2016

JOHN GREENEWALD
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is our final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of 30 September 2016 for Intellipedia entries on DESIGNATED SURVIVOR and/or CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT and the search results pages. As stated in our initial response to you, dated 5 October 2016, your request was assigned Case Number 85590. A copy of your request is enclosed. 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 and the duplication of 100 pages at no cost. There are no assessable fees for this request. Your request has been processed under the FOIA

For your information, NSA provides a service of common concern for the Intelligence Community (IC) by serving as the executive agent for Intelink. As such, NSA provides technical services that enable users to access and share information with peers and stakeholders across the IC and DoD. Intellipedia pages are living documents that may be originated by any user organization, and any user organization may contribute to or edit pages after their origination. Intellipedia pages should not be considered the final, coordinated position of the IC on any particular subject. The views and opinions of authors do not necessarily state or reflect those of the U.S. Government.

We conducted a search of all three levels of Intellipedia for the requested topics, and located two documents that are responsive to your request. These documents are enclosed. Certain information, however, has been deleted from the documents.

This Agency is authorized by statute to protect certain information concerning its activities (in this case, internal URLs), as well as the names of its employees. Such information is exempt from disclosure pursuant to the third exemption of the FOIA, which provides for the withholding of information specifically protected from disclosure by statute. The specific statute applicable in this case is Section 6, Public Law 86-36 (50 U.S. Code 3605). We have determined that such information exists in these records, and we have excised it accordingly.

In addition, personal information regarding individuals has been deleted from the enclosures 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 request 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.

You may appeal this decision. If you decide to appeal, you should do so in the manner outlined below.

- The appeal must be in writing and addressed to:

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

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

Regarding your request for a copy of the search results pages, please be advised that the FOIA mandates that an agency conduct a reasonable search to locate records responsive to a FOIA request. For this portion of your request, search results pages did not exist at the time the agency conducted a search to locate documents responsive to your FOIA request. Accordingly, there are no records that are responsive to this portion of your request.

Sincerely,


for

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

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a/s

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

I respectfully request a copy of the Intellipedia entry (from all three Wikis that make up the Intellipedia) for the following entry(s) (Or whatever similar topic may pertain if it is slightly worded differently):

DESIGNATED SURVIVOR

and/or

CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT

I also ask that you include a copy of the search results page, when inserting the above words / phrases into the Intellipedia search engine.

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



(U) Continuity of Government

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You have new messages (last change).

(U) **Continuity of Government (COG)** is defined as the coordinated effort within each branch of Government (e.g., the Federal Government's executive branch) to ensure the National Essential Functions (NEFs) as defined within the National Security Emergency Preparedness Directive (NSPD) - 51 (also defined under Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD) - 20) continue to be performed during a catastrophic emergency.

(U) Whereas Continuity of Operations (COOP) provide the framework by which federal departments and agencies focus on continuity and maintenance of daily operational activities and their organization's Mission Essential Functions (MEFs) in an emergency, COG activities focus more toward an organization's requirements as directed by national leadership and usually under a national event.

See also

- Continuity of Government Condition
- Presidential Decision Directive 67
- Continuity of Operations

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(U) National Security Presidential Directive 51/Homeland Security Presidential Directive 20 (NSPD-51/HSPD-20), "National Continuity Policy," May 9, 2007, establishes a comprehensive national policy on the continuity of Federal Government structures and operations in order to ensure the preservation of our form of government under the Constitution. COG, as defined in NSPD-51/HSPD-20, means a coordinated effort within the Federal Government's executive branch to ensure that **National Essential Functions** continue to be performed during a catastrophic emergency.

(U) NSPD-51/HSPD-20 also establishes a single National Continuity Coordinator to ensure the continuing performance of **National Essential Functions** under all conditions.

(U) DoD Continuity Programs

(U) For the purposes of DoD, DoDD 3020.26, "DoD Continuity Programs," January 9, 2009, defines COG as a coordinated effort within each branch of Government ensuring the capability to continue branch-minimum essential responsibilities in a catastrophic crisis. COG is dependent on effective continuity of operations plans and capabilities. **COOP** (Continuity of Operations) is defined as an

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internal effort within individual DoD Components to ensure uninterrupted, essential DoD Component functions across a wide range of potential emergencies, including localized acts of nature, accidents, and technological and/or attack-related emergencies.

(U) According to DoDD 3020.26, DoD continuity-related activities, programs, and requirements (such as COG, COOP, and ECG) shall:

- Be based on the assumption that no warning of attack or event will be received
- Ensure the performance of mission essential functions (MEFS) during any emergency for a period of up to 30 days or until normal operations can be resumed. The capability to perform MEFs at alternate sites must be fully operational as soon as possible, but no later than 12 hours after COOP activation. (The above listed NEFs are the foundation for all continuity programs and capabilities)
- Be based on risk-management assessments to ensure that appropriate operational readiness decisions consider the probability of an attack or incident and its consequences
- Emphasize the permanent and routine geographic distribution of leadership, staff, and infrastructure in order to increase survivability and maintain uninterrupted capability to accomplish DoD MEFs
- Maximize the use of technological solutions to provide information to leaders and other users, facilitate decision making, maintain situational awareness, and issue orders and direction. Technology, information systems and networks must be interoperable, robust, reliable, and resilient
- Integrate critical infrastructure protection, information assurance, operations security, and defense crisis management requirements, as appropriate

(U) Other Links

Chairman's Mission Essential Functions
NMCS Mission Essential Functions

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