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

FOIA Case: 101220A
13 July 2017

JOHN GREENEWALD
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is our final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of 29 March 2017 for the Intellipedia category page “Fictional countries” and copies of the pages contained in this category. A copy of your request is enclosed. As stated in our initial response to you, dated 3 April 2017, your request was assigned Case Number 101220. 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 provisions of 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 we located four 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.C. 3605). We have determined that such information exists in this record, 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 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. You may appeal this decision. 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/CSS 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 and to discuss any aspect of 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

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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,



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, FAX 1-818-659-7688 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 sub category of the "Whimsy" category:

Fictional countries

Please include a copy of all pages in this category. As of March 2017, this totaled 3 pages, as indicated by the response archived here: <http://documents.theblackvault.com/documents/intellipedia/Intellipedia-WhimsyCategory.pdf>

I ask that you include the category page for the above mentioned category/sub category, along with a copy of all the pages listed there, as responsive to this request.

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

Sincerely,

John Greenewald, Jr.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

FAX 1-818-659-7688

(U) Category: Fictional countries

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From Intellipedia

You have new messages (last change).

Pages in category "Fictional countries"

The following 3 pages are in this category, out of 3 total.

E

- Elbonia
- Erehwon

Z

- Zendia

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Categories: Whimsy | Country

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(U) Elbonia

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Elbonia is a fictional country in the Dilbert universe created by cartoonist Scott Adams. It consists primarily of mud and is populated by bearded gentlemen with tall hair.

Elbonia is used in some IC contexts as a "fake" country for unclassified example scenarios, so that classified information about real, existing countries is not incidentally revealed. See also Erehwon and Zendia, NSA's home-grown fake country.

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Categories: Fictional countries | Cultural references | Dictionary
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(U) Erewhon

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Erewhon is a fictional country used in some IC contexts as a "fake" country for unclassified example scenarios, so that classified information about real, existing countries is not incidentally revealed. *Erewhon* is *nowhere* spelled backwards.

Erewhon, or Over the Range 1872 is also a satirical English novel by Samuel Butler.

See also

- Elbonia
- Zenda

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Categories: Fictional countries | Cultural references

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(U) Zendia

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(U//~~FOUO~~) **Zendia** is a fictional country created by the NSA for a series of problems in traffic analysis and cryptanalysis known as the Zendian Problem. It is often cited as an example in unclassified briefings (e.g. "Tracking the military actions of Zendia") so as to avoid inadvertently revealing classified information.

(U//~~FOUO~~) **Zendia** is a fictitious country widely used in the cryptologic community as a "sandbox" example for training and exercise materials. Zendia was probably invented by NSA's quirky but beloved cryptologic pioneer Lambros D. Callimahos. It is said that, over time, Callimahos' Zendia acquired an elaborate fictional political history, economy, and telecommunications infrastructure; however, modern uses of Zendia for training or exercises do not attempt to remain consistent with that tradition, or even with each other.

(U//~~FOUO~~) Appendix 8 of Part II of *Military Cryptanalytics*, written by Callimahos and William Friedman and published in October of 1959, is entitled "The Zendian Problem: An Exercise in Communication Intelligence Operations." A map of Zendia is provided, as well as basic facts about the country. The appendix is intended as a way for readers to work through the concepts presented in the volume in an entertaining, interesting setting. The volume was originally classified Confidential, but has since been declassified.

(U//~~FOUO~~) In addition to the basic facts mentioned above, Callimahos also drafted an extensive historical and geographic description of Zendia

[Redacted] This document also includes a few more details of the events leading up to the U.S. invasion of Zendia described in "The Zendian Problem".

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(U) See also

- (U) Zendia [Redacted]
- (U) History of Zendia [Redacted]



(U) Lambros Callimahos saluting Zendian leader in historical (training) photo



(U) Map of Zendia, drawn by Lambros Callimahos to accompany "The Zendian Problem," a traffic analysis exercise.

 (U) This article contains information about a **United States Person**, as defined by the Intelligence Oversight regulations. 

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Categories: Pages containing United States person information | Fictional countries | NSA training | Dictionary | Zendian Problem

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