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

FOIA Case: 84302A
15 September 2016

JOHN GREENEWALD
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of 21 April 2016 for "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): NUCLEAR WEAPONS ACCIDENT and NUCLEAR INCIDENT and NUCLEAR WEAPON DEFICIENCY. These pages are both referenced in responsive documents to FOIA Case 79606." As stated in our initial response letter, dated 22 April 2016, your request was assigned Case Number 84302. 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. A copy of your request is enclosed. 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 topic, and located five documents that are responsive to your request. The documents are enclosed. Certain information, however, has been deleted from the enclosure.

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 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 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 (DJ4),
National Security Agency
9800 Savage Road STE 6932
Fort George G. Meade, MD 20755-6932

- It must be postmarked no later than 60 calendar days of the date of this letter.
- Please include the case number provided above.
- Please describe with sufficient detail why you believe the denial of the requested information was unwarranted.
- NSA will endeavor to respond within 20 working days of receiving your appeal, absent any unusual circumstances.

Sincerely,

Paul H
for

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

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(U) Nuclear Weapon Incident

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From Intellipedia

(U) **NUCLEAR INCIDENT.** An unexpected event involving a nuclear weapon, facility, or component, resulting in any of the following, but not constituting a nuclear weapon(s) accident:^[1]

- a. An increase in the possibility of explosion or radioactive contamination.
- b. Errors committed in the assembly, testing, loading, or transportation of equipment, and/or the malfunctioning of equipment and materiel which could lead to an unintentional operation of all or part of the weapon arming and/or firing sequence, or which could lead to a substantial change in yield, or increased dud probability.
- c. Any act of God, unfavorable environment, or condition resulting in damage to the weapon, facility, or component. (See Bent Spear.)

(U) Source

1. ↑ Agency: DOD; Serial: TM 4-1; Date: 1 November 2011; Subject: Glossary of Nuclear Weapons Material and Related Terms; Classification: U; Source: N/A

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Category: Nuclear Weapons Glossary

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(U) Nuclear Weapons Accident



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(U) Nuclear Weapon Deficiency



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(U) **NUCLEAR WEAPON DEFICIENCY.** A situation or condition which degrades or could degrade nuclear safety but is not serious enough to be a Nuclear Weapon Accident or Nuclear Weapon Incident. [1]

(See Dull Sword.)

(U) Source

1. ↑ Agency: DOD; Serial: TM 4-1; Date: 1 November 2011; Subject: Glossary of Nuclear Weapons Material and Related Terms; Classification: U; Source: N/A

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(U) Nuclear incident



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You have new messages (last change).

(U) The following U.S. coverterms relate to **incidents involving nuclear weapons**:

- **Dull Sword:** Any nuclear incident other than significant incidents (i.e. denting a warhead with equipment)
- **Nuc Flash:** Any accidental or unauthorized incident involving a possible detonation of a nuclear weapon by US forces which *could create the risk of nuclear war*.
- **Broken Arrow:** An accidental event that involves nuclear weapons, warheads or components, but which *does not create the risk of war*.
- **Bent Spear:** Incident involving nuclear weapons, warheads, components, or vehicles transporting nuclear material that are of significant interest but are not categorized as Nuc Flash or Broken Arrow.
- **Empty Quiver:** The seizure, theft, or loss of a functioning nuclear weapon.

See also

- United States National Nuclear Security Administration

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