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25 May 2018

John Greenwald, Jr.
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Castaic, California 91384

Email: john@greenewald.com

REF: FOIA Cases F-2018-00086

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is in response to your request dated and received in the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) on 18 April 2018. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), you requested copies of the "records, electronic or otherwise, of...all documents related to NRO Appeal Case EOM-2017-00001".

Your request has been processed in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended. A thorough search of our files and databases located 8 documents responsive to your request. One document is being released to you in full; and one document is denied in full. The remaining documents are being released to you in part.

Material withheld from release is denied pursuant to FOIA exemptions:

(b) (1), as currently and properly classified under Executive Order 13526, Sections 1.4(c);

(b) (3), which is the basis for withholding information exempt from disclosure by statute. The relevant withholding statute is 10 U.S.C. § 424, which provides (except as required by the President or for information provided to Congress), that no provision of law shall be construed to require the disclosure of the organization or any function of the NRO; the number of persons employed by or assigned or detailed to the NRO; or the name or official title, occupational series, grade, or salary of any such person;

(b) (5), which applies to information that is pre-decisional and 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.

You have the right to appeal this determination to the NRO Appellate Authority, 14675 Lee Road, Chantilly, VA 20151-1715, within

90 days of the above date. You may also submit an appeal electronically by completing the form available on the NRO's public web site at <http://www.nro.gov/foia/AppealInput.aspx>. Please include an explanation of the reason(s) for your appeal as part of your submission. The FOIA also provides that you may seek dispute resolution for any adverse determination through the NRO FOIA Public Liaison and/or through the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). Please refer to the OGIS public web page at <https://ogis.archive.gov/> for additional information.

If you have any questions, please call the Requester Service Center at (703) 227-9326 and reference case number F-2018-00086.

Sincerely,



Patricia B. Cameresi
FOIA Public Liaison

Enclosure: FOIA Case & Appeal Case processing documents for NRO Case# EOM-2017-00001

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Case Comment created by **on 10-25-2016 11:11**

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2010 CBJB redacted and released previously under F09-0087; I added a copy of
the released version to the correspondence folder.

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Case Comment created by on 10-25-2016 12:08

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Added letter and reassigned to for editing/signature

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Case Comment created by on 10-27-2016 11:24

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Letter reviewed and signed.

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Appeal Comment created by on 11-04-2016 09:42

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Added appeal acceptance letter and reassigned to in absence

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Appeal Comment created by on 11-04-2016 10:18

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Letter reviewed and signed.

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Appeal Comment created by on 11-14-2016 02:06

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Added both the clean version of the 2010 CBJB and the previously released

version to the Appeal case.

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Appeal Comment created by on 11-15-2016 07:16

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☐ please review/edit the appeal response letter and reassign to ☐

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Appeal Comment created by on 11-28-2016 09:47

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☐ for your consideration: ☐ did some edits in the Appeal letter: ☐

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Appeal Comment created by on 11-28-2016 11:23

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☐ reviewed. Reassigned to ☐ for concurrence.

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--Unclassified--**Appeal Comment created by [] on 02-02-2017 12:46****(b)(3)**

The original request F09-0087 was for only the unclassified portions (with b3 used for any redacted Unclassified portion) so the MDR appeal letter can cite all the reasons we are denying the information.

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Appeal Comment created by on 04-06-2018 10:33

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☐ Please review the appellate response.

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Appeal Comment created by **on 04-12-2018 08:52**

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Reviewed letter and applied signature.

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Appeal Comment created by on 04-12-2018 01:21

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Mailed final DIF response to requester and added both the MPT form and the FYI
to OPA to the working papers folder

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From:
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 1:10 PM
To:
Cc: COMM-IMSO-IRRG-FOIA;
Subject: CBB Denial Responses Mailed to Requesters 12 April 2018 (EOM-2017-00001, F-2016-00051, F-2017-00067, F-2017-00172, F-2017-00088, F-2016-00130) --- UNCLASSIFIED//~~FOUO~~

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(U//~~FOUO~~) The denial responses to the six CBB cases were sent via USPS this afternoon

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The Breakdown of cases is as follows:

Appeal Cases:

F-2016-00051	John Greenewald (media)	Request for FY 2015-2016
EOM-2017-00001	John Greenewald (media)	Request for new review of previously released FY 2010 (the letter states that no additional material will be released)
F-2017-00067	Steven Aftergood (media)	Request for FY 2016

Initial Cases:

F-2017-00172	Michael Ravnitzky	Request for FY 2015, FY 2016, FY 2017, FY 2018
F-2017-00088	John Greenewald (media)	Request for FY 2018
F-2016-00130	John Greenewald (media)	Request for FY 1996

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IRRG | Production Manager
NRO | COMM | Information Management Services Office



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Classify Appropriately When Filled In

MATERIAL TRANSPORTATION REQUEST

I. CUSTOMER INFORMATION

I certify that this shipment is for the official movement of classified and/or sensitive materials in support of government programs and does not contain personal items, unclassified office supplies, or items to circumvent weight limitations applicable to unaccompanied air freight or household effects. To the best of my knowledge, the information listed is accurate and complete.

1. CLASSIFICATION: ☒ U ☐ C ☐ S ☐ TS2. CONTROL CHANNEL: ☐ SI ☐ TK ☐ RSV

3. REQUIRED DELIVERY DATE: _____

4. ☒ ASSOCIATED ☐ NON-ASSOCIATED

5. REQUESTOR'S FULL NAME: _____

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6. SECURE PHONE: _____

7. NON-SECURE PHONE: _____

8. DATE OF REQUEST: 12 Apr 2018

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9. SIGNATURE/DATE: _____

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10. PROGRAM AND DIRECTORATE: COMM/IMSO/IRRG

11. GOVERNMENT VALIDATOR'S FULL NAME: _____

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12. SECURE PHONE: _____

13. OFFICE: _____

14. REMARKS/DESCRIPTION OF MATERIAL TO BE SHIPPED:

Final Response on F-2016-00130, EOM-2017-00001 Appeal, F-2017-00088, F-2016-00051 Appeal

II. DESTINATION INFORMATION

1. COMPANY: _____

2. ADDRESS: _____

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3. CITY: _____

4. STATE: _____

5. ZIP: _____

6. STOP NUMBER: _____

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7. PRIMARY CONTACT'S FULL NAME: Mr. John Greenewald

8. SECURE PHONE: _____

9. NON-SECURE PHONE: _____

10. ALTERNATE CONTACT'S FULL NAME: _____

11. SECURE PHONE: _____

12. NON-SECURE PHONE: _____

13. COMMENTS: _____

III. TMC AND TEAM OFFICE USE ONLY

MATERIAL/PACKAGE PROCESSING (Office use only)

1. TRACKING NUMBER: _____ ☐ FED EX ☒ USPS ☐ COURIER ☐ HAND CARRY

5. MPT INITIALS: _____ DATE: _____ TIME: _____ 6. DISPATCHER INITIALS: _____ DATE: _____ TIME: _____

7. PACKAGE PREP INITIALS: _____ DATE: _____ TIME: _____ 8. OPS INITIALS: _____ DATE: _____ TIME: _____

CL BY: _____

DRV FROM: _____

DECL ON: _____

OPR: MS&O _____

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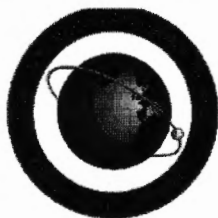
PREVIOUS EDITIONS ARE OBSOLETE

B-RCS: B-100-02

N11-08, MAY 2017

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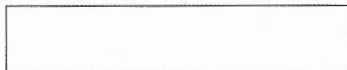
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**NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE**

14675 Lee Road
Chantilly, VA 20151-1715

12 April 2018

Mr. John Greenewald



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Ref: NRO Appeal Case EOM-2017-00001

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is in response to your letter dated and received 3 November 2016 in the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO). Pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order 13526, you appealed the NRO's 24 October 2016 release determination in response to your request for Mandatory Declassification Review of the previously released "FY 2010 Congressional Budget Justification - published May 2009."

As the NRO Appellate Authority, I am upholding the initial determination that the redacted portions of the document remain currently and properly classified under the provisions of Executive Order (E.O.) 13526, Sections 1.4(c), (e), and (g). In addition, the names of NRO employees and/or information related to NRO functions and activities remain exempt from public release in accordance with E.O. 13526, Section 3.5(c); the withholding statute in this case is 10 U.S.C. § 424.

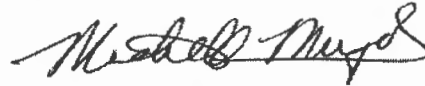
Additionally, some information in the documents is being withheld because it meets criteria specified in 1.7(e) of Executive Order 13526 that a series of unclassified items in the aggregate reveal associations or relationships not otherwise revealed in the items individually, and these aggregate associations and relationships meet the standards for classification and are not otherwise revealed in the individual items of information.

Per E.O. 13526, Section 5.3 (b) (3), and the Information Security Oversight Office Directive #1, you may appeal this decision to the Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP). Your appeal should be addressed to:

Executive Secretary, ISCAP
c/o Information Security Oversight Office
The National Archives Building
700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 503
Washington, D.C. 20408

If you have any questions, please call the Requester Service Center at 703-227-9326 and reference the appeal case number EOM-2017-00001.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michelle Murphy", written in a cursive style.

Michelle Murphy
Appellate Authority

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, November 09, 2016 9:36 AM
To: 'John Greenewald'
Cc: FOIA
Subject: FW:WITH ATTACHMENT NRO EOM-2017-00001-Appeal Acceptance
Attachments: F-2017-00001_Appeal Greenewald.PDF
Signed By: [redacted]

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-----Original Message-----

From: FOIA
Sent: Wednesday, November 09, 2016 9:35 AM
To: 'John Greenewald'
Cc: FOIA
Subject: NRO EOM-2017-00001-Appeal Acceptance

Dear Mr. Greenewald

Attached, please find National Reconnaissance Office acceptance letter in regard to your appeal of EOM-2017-00001.

Sincerely,

Information Review : Release Group
National Reconnaissance Office

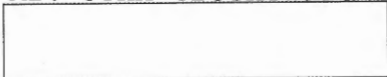
To ensure receipt of messages, please use the FOIA@nro.mil address.

**NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE**

14675 Lee Road
Chantilly, VA 20151-1715

9 November 2016

Mr. John Greenewald



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Dear Mr. Greenewald:

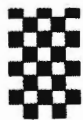
This is in response to your faxed letter dated and received 3 November 2016 in the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO). Pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order 13526, you are appealing the NRO's 24 October release determination in response to your request for Mandatory Declassification Review of the "FY 2010 Congressional Budget Justification - published May 2009."

We have accepted your appeal. We will inform you when the NRO Appellate Authority has made a determination in this case.

If you have any questions, please call the Requester Services Center at 703-227-9326 and reference case number EOM-2017-00001-Appeal.

Sincerely,

Patricia B. Cameresi
FOIA Public Liaison



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MDR Request APPEAL

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Dear Sir,

This is an appeal to the Mandatory Declassification Review request I submitted on October 24, 2016 and given case MDR EOM-2017-00001.

It took approximately 48 hours for the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) to deny my request, in full.

I feel based purely on the grounds that this is a near 500 page document, that it is not feasible it was adequately reviewed in that short of a time frame.

Although I feel there may be a possibility that the NRO has reviewed the document for another MDR request other than mine, I was not given any indication of such review.

The only evidence exists with a posted version of the record, last reviewed and released in June of 2010.

I please ask that this decision either be clarified, or reconsidered, since I do not believe the near 500 page document would be adequately reviewed in that time frame.

If it was recently reviewed, I please ask that you offer the date of the last review.

Thank you very much for your time, and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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