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

FOIA Case: 75094A
14 November 2013

Mr. John Greenewald
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted via the Internet on 28 September 2013, which was received by this office on 30 September 2013, for "a copy of any emails between April and June 2013 in the NSA press office regarding or discussing the public opening and announcement of the NSA's Utah Data Center, scheduled for May 30, 2013." Your request has been assigned Case Number 75094. 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. Since there are no processing fees for this request, we are not addressing your request for a fee waiver.

We have completed our search for records responsive to your request. The responsive documents have been reviewed by this Agency as required by the FOIA and are enclosed. Certain information, however, has been deleted from the enclosures.

Information which would reveal NSA/CSS functions and activities and names of NSA/CSS employees have been deleted from the enclosures. These deletions are 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, formerly 50 U.S. Code 402 note).

In addition, some of the information has been deleted from the enclosures pursuant to the fifth exemption of the FOIA. This exemption applies to inter-agency or intra-agency memoranda or letters which would not be available by law to a party in litigation with the agency, protecting

information that is normally privileged in the civil discovery context, such as information that is part of a predecisional deliberative process.

Finally, personal information regarding other 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.

The Initial Denial Authority for NSA information is the Associate Director for Policy and Records, David J. Sherman. Any person notified of an adverse determination may file an appeal to the NSA/CSS Freedom of Information Act Appeal Authority. The appeal must be postmarked no later than 60 calendar days after the date of the initial denial letter. The appeal shall be in writing addressed to the NSA/CSS FOIA Appeal Authority (DJ4), National Security Agency, 9800 Savage Road STE 6248, Fort George G. Meade, MD 20755-6248. The appeal shall reference the adverse determination and shall contain, in sufficient detail and particularity, the grounds upon which the requester believes that the determination is unwarranted. The NSA/CSS FOIA Appeal Authority will endeavor to respond to the appeal within 20 working days after receipt, absent any unusual circumstances.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Pamela N. Phillips".

PAMELA N. PHILLIPS
Chief
FOIA/PA Office

Encls:

a/s

From: Cathy Allred [heraldextra.ca@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2013 11:48 AM
To: nsapao
Subject: NSA Utah opening

I represent a daily newspaper in Utah County. We would like to cover the ribbon cutting event on May 30 that Gov. Gary Herbert is attending. This appears to be a one time opportunity to see the less restricted part of the complex that is so visible in our area. Would this be possible and what parameters do we need to keep to be there?

Cathy Allred
Daily Herald

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Twitter: NorthUtahCounty



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From: Vines, Vanee M
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 8:55 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: nsapao
Subject: Re: Associated Press - Salt Lake City

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Thx,

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From: McCombs, Brady [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 08:38 PM Eastern Standard Time
To: Vines, Vanee M
Subject: Associated Press - Salt Lake City

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Vanee,

Good afternoon. I've been jammed up all week but I wanted to ask you a few, basic questions about the NSA's Utah Data Center for a story I'm working on the facility's upcoming opening. (Some of this I found on the website, and just want to confirm is accurate)

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Cordially,

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Brady McCombs
 Supervisory Correspondent
 The Associated Press
 Salt Lake City

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From: Vines, Vanee M
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 9:26 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: nsapao
Subject: Re: Associated Press - Salt Lake City

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The basics (early!) :

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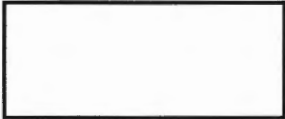
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From: Nate Carlisle [ncarlisle@sltrib.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2013 12:04 PM
To: Vines, Vanee M
Cc: nsapao; [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Interview request for Harvey Davis

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Understood.

On a related matter, a state legislator here is saying there is a ribbon cutting for the Utah Data Center next week. Is that correct?
May I please have the specifics?

Nate

On May 15, 2013, at 9:39 AM, Vines, Vanee M wrote:

> We look forward to meeting with Mr. Burr next week. Mr. Burr will
> have an opportunity to interview Dr. Davis next week.

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> Best,
> vanee'

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Nate Carlisle [mailto:ncarlisle@sltrib.com]
> Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2013 11:31 AM
> To: Vines, Vanee M
> Cc: nsapao; [REDACTED]
> Subject: Re: Interview request for Harvey Davis

> Dear Ms. Vines:

> What of my request to speak with Dr. Davis this week?

> Nate

> On May 15, 2013, at 9:25 AM, Vines, Vanee M wrote:

>> Hi. Thank you for contacting the National Security Agency. I don't
>> have any information to provide for your article.

>> I'm looking forward to meeting two of your Washington-based
>> colleagues, who will visit NSA's headquarters next week.

>> Best,
>> Vanee' Vines
>> NSA PAO

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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Nate Carlisle [<mailto:ncarlisle@sltrib.com>]

>> Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2013 1:59 PM

>> To: nsapao

>> Cc: Davis, Harvey

>> Subject: Interview request for Harvey Davis

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>> Dear NSA public affairs:

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>> I would like to please speak by telephone to Dr. Harvey Davis

>> regarding HB325, a bill passed by the Utah legislature that allows

>> for an energy tax on the Utah Data Center. Dr. Davis complained to

>> Utah Gov. Gary Herbert about this bill.

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>> My deadline is the end of business Wednesday. Please call me at

>> 801-257-8794. Thank you.

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>> Nate

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>> Nate Carlisle

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From: Vines, Vanee M
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2013 12:59 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: nsapao
Subject: Re: Media Inquiry Regarding Ribbon Cutting

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The "media" really meant NSA's Public and Media Affairs Office. (I was there.) A ribbon was cut - largely to symbolize to the authorities the completion of one part of the project. It was not a debut or public event in the traditional sense.

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[REDACTED]

From: Klimas, Liz [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2013 12:53 PM Eastern Standard Time
To: Vines, Vanee M
Cc: nsapao
Subject: Re: Media Inquiry Regarding Ribbon Cutting

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Hi Vannee,

Thank you for this information. I appreciate it.

I wonder where this "ribbon cutting" language ever got started -- and that the media was supposedly invited. Do you have any thoughts on that? If not, it's fine.

Thanks again.

Best,
Liz

On May 31, 2013, at 12:40 PM, Vines, Vanee M wrote:

Hi.

There was a briefing on May 30 to update state and federal authorities on the status of the project. Sen. Hatch, Gov. Herbert, officials from USACE, and members of the state legislature were among the participants.

It was not a public or media event.

The meeting was held to inform those who have been intimately involved in the oversight of the project - which is still under construction.

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(There was another story in yesterday's Tribune. You may want to read that.)

Best,
Vanee' Vines

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From: Klimas, Liz [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2013 12:27 PM Eastern Standard Time
To: nsapao
Subject: Media Inquiry Regarding Ribbon Cutting

Dear NSA Media Relations:

I'm a reporter for TheBlaze.com looking into a story regarding the ribbon cutting ceremony that some have reported (like the Salt Lake City Tribune, <http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/politics/56304956-90/utah-data-nsa-mida.html.csp>) was to take place May 30.

If possible, I would like to confirm if the ribbon cutting at the Utah Data Center took place and if it was attended by members of the media. If so, were there any stipulations/rules the media had to abide by for the ceremony because of the secure nature of the building? Were local politicians and dignitaries present as well?

Are there any details you can offer about how the event went?

Is it also possible to get a copy of the invitation? We'd just like to see the text on it.

Here's what SLT wrote about the ribbon cutting before it occurred:

Invitations have been sent to a select group of Utah politicians and dignitaries inviting them to the Utah Data Center ribbon cutting on May 30. The invitation says the event is unclassified and reporters will be there, but an NSA spokeswoman this week declined to discuss the festivities or say whether the event means the facility will be starting operations. The NSA has previously said the Utah Data Center would be online this fall.

Thank you for any help you can provide.

Best,
Liz

Liz Klimas
Technology and Science Editor
THE BLAZE

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From: Vines, Vanee M
Sent: Friday, June 07, 2013 3:27 PM
To: 'Isikoff, Michael (NBCUniversal)'; nsapao
Subject: RE: NBC News inquiry re: Utah Data Center

Hi, sir. I just left a phone msg for you. I'll call back. In the meantime, many key facts are below.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS A PHONY NSA WEBSITE THAT APPEARS TO HAVE A LOT OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE UTAH DATA CENTER. SEVERAL NEWS OUTLETS HAVE "FALLEN" FOR IT. We are www.nsa.gov. Please check all URLs carefully.

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vanee'

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Best,
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From: Isikoff, Michael (NBCUniversal)

Sent: Friday, June 07, 2013 3:18 PM

To: nsapao

Subject: NBC News inquiry re: Utah Data Center

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Hi there. A question for Vanee Vines or anybody who can speak to the Utah Data Center. We are doing a story for NBC Nightly News this Sunday and wanted to know if you have a photo of last week's ribbon cutting at the Utah Data Center – or any photos you can provide?

Michael Isikoff

NBC News

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From: Vines, Vanee M
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 2:17 PM
To: 'King, Rachael'
Cc: nsapao
Subject: RE: Wall Street Journal request deadline

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From: King, Rachael [<mailto:rachael.king@wsj.com>]
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 12:36 PM
To: Vines, Vanee M
Subject: RE: Wall Street Journal request deadline

3 p.m. ET is my deadline. I spoke to James Bamford and he outlined the data centers NSA has and that Utah is the most recent one. He also said that NSA is intercepting call metadata or call detail records from Verizon and that they will be processed in the Utah data center when it's up and running.

From: Vines, Vanee M [<mailto:vmvine3@nsa.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 9:33 AM
To: King, Rachael; nsapao
Subject: RE: Wall Street Journal request deadline

Hi. When is your deadline?

Vance' Vines
NSA PAO

From: King, Rachael [<mailto:rachael.king@wsj.com>]
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 11:59 AM
To: nsapao
Subject: Wall Street Journal request deadline

Hi,

I'm working on a story about the Utah Data Center. Here are my questions:

1. Can you confirm that there was a small ribbon cutting ceremony of a data center in Utah, as outlined in this report:
<http://www.theblaze.com/stories/2013/05/31/nsa-confirms-and-explains-ribbon-cutting-for-giant-utah-data-center/>
2. James Banford in a Wired piece said this data center will process vast quantities of information including information from telecom carriers such as Verizon. Will this data center process information about telephone calls from Verizon?
http://www.wired.com/threatlevel/2012/03/ff_nsadatacenter/all/
3. Are computers and servers running in this facility yet?

Thanks,

Rachael King
Reporter
The Wall Street Journal

[REDACTED]

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rachael.king@wsj.com

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From: Vines, Vanee M
Sent: Saturday, June 01, 2013 11:11 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: nsapao
Subject: Re: Wired Magazine

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Hi. [REDACTED] Wired can quote the SL Trib story. Dr. Brown did well, I'm sure.

[REDACTED] The SL Trib story is the
baseline that Wired can use. Thx!

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 01, 2013 10:13 AM Eastern Standard Time
To: Vines, Vanee M; [REDACTED]
Subject: Wired Magazine

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Vanee,

I got a voice mail last night from Bob Mcmillan of Wired Magazine, who wanted to know more about our ribbon cutting and details on the data center. Dr. Brown from the University of Utah recently interviewed him and gave him my name. Yesterday Wired published a story from Dr. Brown's interview.

How would you like me to proceed with respect to Mr. Mcmillan's voice mail?

Cheers

Dave

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From: Vines, Vanee M
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 2:21 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: nsapao
Subject: UDC

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