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WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1155

APR 30 2014

Ref: 14-F-0734  
NSA FOIA: 77671

John Greenwald  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Greenwald:

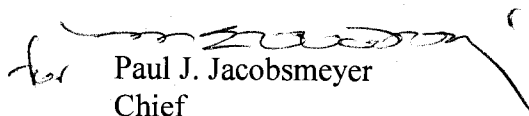
This is the final response to your request for “a copy of all documents, electronic or otherwise, generated for case #14-F-0643.” Your request was received in this office on April 21, 2014 and assigned FOIA case number 14-F-0734.

Enclosed are records responsive to your request. Certain information in these records is denied pursuant to 5 USC § 552, specifically exemptions (b)(3), (b)(5) and (b)(6). Information is withheld under exemption (b)(3) specifically 50 U.S. Code 3605 (*Public Law 86-36, Section 6*) by the National Security Agency (NSA). The initial denial authority for NSA is Mr. David J. Sherman, Associate Director for Policy and Records. Other information is denied under exemption (b)(5) as it concerns inter- or intra-agency communications protected by the deliberative process privilege and exemption (b)(6) which pertains to information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of individuals.

Your request additionally asked for “all documents pertaining to the capture of Osama Bin Laden’s body, and all documents pertaining to what happened with Bin Laden’s body after his capture – up to the point of his burial into the ocean.” As you did not respond to our April 22, 2014, email requesting that you clarify that portion of your request we are only responding to that portion of your request that asks for documents generated for case 14-F-0643.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you may appeal to the appellate authority, the Director of Administration and Management, Office of the Secretary of Defense. To submit your appeal, you should write directly to the Defense Freedom of Information Policy Office, ATTN: Mr. James Hogan, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20101-1155. Your appeal should be postmarked within 60 calendar day of the date of this letter, should cite to case number 14-F-0734 and should be clearly marked “Freedom of Information Act Appeal.”

Sincerely,

  
Paul J. Jacobsmeyer  
Chief

Enclosure:  
As stated

Coordination OGC

14-F-0643

**Wahling, Mary L CIV WHS ESD (US)**

**From:** (b)(6) CIV OSD OGC (US)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 01, 2014 6:25 PM  
**To:** Wahling, Mary L CIV WHS ESD (US); (b)(6) CIV OSD OGC (US); (b)(6) CIV OSD OGC (US)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) OSD OGC (US); Hogan, James P CIV WHS ESD (US)  
**Subject:** Re: Proposed Response to FOIA on OBL

Makes sense to me.

(b)(6)

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

**From:** Wahling, Mary L CIV WHS ESD (US)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 31, 2014 03:47 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV OSD OGC (US); (b)(6) CIV OSD OGC (US); (b)(6) CIV OSD OGC (US)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) OSD OGC (US); Hogan, James P CIV WHS ESD (US)  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Response to FOIA on OBL

Looks like there has been a change in coordination POC for my responses on OBL FOIA requests. In the case of this response (b)(5)

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(b)(5) I have always included OGC in my coordination on any of these responses.

The protocol we have followed since 2011, is that if any DoD organization received a request for records concerning the operation that resulted in the death of OBL, they notify us, tell the requester our office will answer the request for DoD and send us the results of their record search and their position on release of the records. I then prepare the response to the requester and coordinate that response. OSD has also received many requests directly from requesters and those record searches have primarily been directed to the Joint Staff for action and in some cases the OSD staff.

Mary

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

**From:** (b)(6) CIV OSD OGC (US)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 31, 2014 1:48 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV OSD OGC (US); (b)(6) CIV OSD OGC (US)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) OSD OGC (US); Wahling, Mary L CIV WHS ESD (US); Hogan, James P CIV WHS ESD (US)  
**Subject:** FW: Proposed Response to FOIA on OBL

(b)(6)

I think this is yours now.

(b)(6)

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

From: Wahling, Mary L CIV WHS ESD (US)

Sent: Friday, March 28, 2014 12:05 PM

To: (b)(6) CIV OSD OGC (US); Hogan, James P CIV WHS ESD (US)

Subject: Proposed Response to FOIA on OBL

(b)(6) Jim-

NSA received a FOIA request concerning OBL and their position is that they have no records. They forwarded the request to us and advised the requester that we would be answering for DoD. Attached is my proposed response on behalf of NSA which says they would not be expected to have records. We've given this response on a previous OBL FOIA that was originally received at NSA. I've also attached the FOIA request and the NSA letter to the requester.

(b)(5)

Mary Wahling  
Senior FOIA/Privacy Analyst  
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NSA position

14-F-0643

**Wahling, Mary L CIV WHS ESD (US)**

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**From:** Wahling, Mary L CIV WHS ESD (US)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 24, 2014 4:11 PM  
**To:** Blaskowski, Paul J CIV (US)  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Case Redirect to DoD for Processing  
**Signed By:** mary.l.wahling.civ@mail.mil

Please provide me a copy of your notification to the requester.

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

**From:** Blaskowski, Paul J [mailto:(b)(3):50 USC § 3605 (P.L. 86-36 Section 6)]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 24, 2014 3:07 PM  
**To:** Wahling, Mary L CIV WHS ESD (US)  
**Cc:** Blacker, Cindy S; Phillips, Pamela N CIV (US); (b)(3):50 USC § 3605 (P.L. 86-36 Section 6) Hogan, James P CIV WHS ESD (US); Jacobsmeyer, Paul J CIV WHS ESD (US)  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Case Redirect to DoD for Processing

Mary,

Thank you for getting back to us so quickly after your return. We will advise the requester that your office will provide the final response. For NSA's position, please use the wording that you used in the previous letter: The National Security Agency would not be expected to have records responsive to your request as it was worded.

Let me know if you have any questions or need anything else from us. Thanks again.

Paul J Blaskowski  
Deputy Chief Freedom of Information & Privacy Office (DJ4) National Security Agency  
(b)(3):50 USC § 3605 (P.L. 86-36 Section 6)

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**Cc:** Blacker, Cindy S; Phillips, Pamela; (b)(3):50 USC § 3605 (P.L. 86-36 Section 6) Hogan, James P CIV WHS ESD (US); Jacobsmeyer, Paul J CIV WHS ESD (US)  
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For your info, I've attached two of the letters we've used in previous responses that answered requests submitted to NSA, OSD and USSOCOM. I'll be happy to answer any other questions.

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From: Hogan, James P CIV WHS ESD (US)  
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2014 1:57 PM  
To: Blaskowski, Paul J CIV (US); Jacobsmeyer, Paul J CIV WHS ESD (US); Wahling, Mary L CIV WHS ESD (US)  
Cc: Blacker, Cindy S; Phillips, Pamela N CIV (US); (b)(3):50 USC § 3605 (P.L. 86-36 Section 6)  
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Let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thanks again!

Paul

Paul J Blaskowski  
Deputy Chief Freedom of Information & Privacy Office (DJ4) National Security Agency

(b)(3):50 USC § 3605  
(P.L. 86-36 Section 6)

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From: Jacobsmeyer, Paul J CIV WHS ESD (US) [mailto:paul.j.jacobsmeyer.civ@mail.mil]

Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2014 12:13 PM

To: (b)(3):50 USC § 3605 (P.L. 86-36 Section 6) Wahling, Mary L CIV WHS ESD (US)

Cc: Blacker, Cindy S; Phillips, Pamela; Blaskowski, Paul J (b)(3):50 USC § 3605 (P.L. 86-36 Se Hogan, James P CIV WHS ESD (US)

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Thanks much,

(b)(3):50 USC § 3605  
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NSA/CSS FOIA

Case Officer

(b)(3):50 USC § 3605  
(P.L. 86-36 Section 6)

**Wahling, Mary L CIV WHS ESD (US)**

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**Sent:** Thursday, March 27, 2014 6:29 AM  
**To:** Wahling, Mary L CIV WHS ESD (US); Blaskowski, Paul J CIV (US)  
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**Subject:** RE: FOIA Case Redirect to DoD for Processing  
**Attachments:** Misdirect\_UBL.pdf

Good Morning Ms. Wahling,

Attached please find our response that we intend to mail out to the requester today. Feel free to contact us should you have any questions or concerns,

Regards,

Cindy Blacker  
NSA/CSS FOIA  
Initial Processing Chief  
(301)688-6527

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Deputy Chief Freedom of Information & Privacy Office (DJ4) National Security Agency

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
OFFICE OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
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WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1155

Ref: 11-F-0957  
FOIA Case 64612

Mr. Larry F. Klayman  
Freedom Watch  
2000 Pennsylvania Ave, NW  
Suite 345  
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Mr. Klayman:

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act requests dated May 7, 2011, and May 10, 2011, which you submitted to this Office and to the National Security Agency, respectively, for, "All photographs and/or video recordings of Osama (Usama) bin Laden taken during and/or after the U.S. Military operation in Pakistan on or about May 1, 2011." The Department of Defense holds no records responsive to your request. The enclosed declaration by William T. Kammer, filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, *Judicial Watch, INC v. U.S. Department of Defense, et al.*, provides further explanation of this response.

If you are not satisfied with this action, you may appeal to the appellate authority, the Director of Administration and Management, Office of the Secretary of Defense, by writing directly to the Defense Freedom of Information Policy Office, Attn: Mr. James Hogan, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20301-1155. Your appeal should be postmarked within 60 calendar days of the date of this letter, should cite to case number 11-F-0957, and should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

Paul J. Jacobsmeyer  
Chief

Enclosure:  
As stated



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
OFFICE OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
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WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1155

Ref: 11-F-1116  
USSOCOM 2011-128  
NSA FOIA 64629

Tom Stalcup  
Media Review, Inc.  
19 Research Road  
East Falmouth, MA 02536

Dear Mr. Stalcup:

This Office is responding on behalf of the Department of Defense to all Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests relating to the death of Osama Bin Laden that were submitted to any component of the Department of Defense. You submitted duplicate requests to the National Security Agency (NSA) and the U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) for "all documents, orders, correspondence, meeting minutes, emails, memos, and other information regarding, describing, or otherwise mentioning the rules of engagement established for the terrorist Osama bin Laden for the raid on his compound [sic] in Abbottabad, Pakistan." You also requested "all communications and/or documentation that may have in any way lead any member of Seal Team 6 to believe there was an order to kill Osama bin Laden." Additionally you asked for "any and all still images and video recordings of the raid on bin Laden's compound, including, but not limited to video recordings of bin Laden being shot." Your request was assigned FOIA case number 11-F-1116 by this Office and incorporates responses from USSOCOM and NSA.

USSOCOM has advised this Office that they have no records responsive to that portion of your request that asks for records concerning the rules of engagement. In regards to the portion of your request concerning any member of Seal Team 6, USSOCOM has determined that the fact of the existence or nonexistence of records which would reveal a connection or interest in matters relating to Seal Team 6 is classified in accordance with Executive Order 13526. Therefore, pursuant to 5 USC § 552(b)(1), Major General Mark A. Clark, U.S. Marine Corps, Chief of Staff, USSOCOM has denied your request. By this statement, the Department neither confirms nor denies that such records may or may not exist.

The National Security Agency would not be expected to have records responsive to your request as it was worded. For your information, the Department of Defense holds no photographs or video recordings of the raid or of bin Laden being shot. The enclosed declaration by William T. Kammer, filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, *Judicial Watch, INC v. U.S. Department of Defense, et al.*, further addresses the Department of Defense response concerning photographs and/or video recordings of Osama bin Laden taken during or after the May 1, 2011 operation in Pakistan.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you may appeal to the appellate authority, the Director of Administration and Management, Office of the Secretary of Defense, by writing directly to the Defense Freedom of Information Policy Office, Attn: Mr. James Hogan, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20301-1155. Your appeal should be postmarked within 60 calendar days of the date of this letter, should cite to case number 11-F-1116, and should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

Paul J. Jacobmeyer  
Chief

Enclosure:  
As stated

14-F-0643



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

FOIA Case: 77107  
18 March 2014

MR JOHN GREENEWALD  
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of 11 March 2014, which was received by this office on 12 March 2014, for "a copy of all documents pertaining to the capture of Osama Bin Laden's body, and all documents pertaining to what happened with Bin Laden's body after his capture - up to the point of his burial into the ocean...[and] all records pertaining to the talking points for the media and the public, how the government would announce his death, etc...all records, electronic of otherwise, which includes, but is not limited to, memos, letters, reports, inter-agency communications, photos, videos, etc." Your letter has been assigned Case Number 77107.

The Office of the Secretary of Defense/Joint Staff (JS) FOIA Office is responding on behalf of the entire Department of Defense (DoD) to all FOIA requests within the DoD for information related to the operation that resulted in the death of Osama bin Laden. Therefore, they will respond directly to you concerning the FOIA request that you sent to us. For your information, the OSD/JS FOIA Office contact information is:

OSD/JS FOIA Requester Service Center  
Office of Freedom of Information  
1155 Defense Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20301-1155  
1-866-574-4970

We consider our action on this request complete.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul J. Blawie" with a small "for" written below it.

PAMELA N. PHILLIPS  
Chief  
FOIA/PA Office

**Wahling, Mary L CIV WHS ESD (US)**

14-F-0643

**From:** Hogan, James P CIV WHS ESD (US)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 24, 2014 8:53 AM  
**To:** Wahling, Mary L CIV WHS ESD (US)  
**Subject:** FW: FOIA Request (Web form submission)  
**Signed By:** james.hogan@whs.mil

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

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**Sent:** Friday, March 14, 2014 7:57 AM  
**To:** Hogan, James P CIV WHS ESD (US)  
**Subject:** FW: FOIA Request (Web form submission)

Jim,

Looking through previous cases related to bin Laden, it seems to be hit or miss if DoD wants to take lead on them. It seems that DoD normally takes lead when it is related to the op and/or death. It's definitely easier on NSA when DoD takes the lead, but we can also work this solo. How would you like to handle this one?

Paul J Blaskowski  
Deputy Chief Freedom of Information & Privacy Office (DJ4) National Security Agency

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Hello Paul,

Our internal guidance shows that any requests related to this topic should be referred to DoD, and we were instructed to advise the requester that we forwarded his request to OSD/JS for direct response back to him.

Cindy Blacker  
NSA/CSS FOIA  
Initial Processing Chief  
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**From:** Jacobsmeier, Paul J CIV WHS ESD (US) [mailto:paul.j.jacobsmeier.civ@mail.mil]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 13, 2014 2:21 PM  
**To:** Blacker, Cindy S

Cc: Hogan, James P CIV WHS ESD (US); Kammer, William T CIV WHS ESD (US)  
Subject: RE: FOIA Request (Web form submission)

Cindy--We have not received this request. I'll leave it up to Will and Jim as to whether we have a role in this. Thanks,  
Paul

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From: Blacker, Cindy S [mailto:(b)(3) 50 USC § 3605 (P.L. 86-36 Section 8)]  
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 12:29 PM  
To: Jacobsmeyer, Paul J CIV WHS ESD (US)  
Cc: Hogan, James P CIV WHS ESD (US); Blacker, Cindy S  
Subject: FW: FOIA Request (Web form submission)  
Importance: High

Good Morning Gentlemen,

FYSA - we received the following FOIA request on 12 March 2014, and will be coordinating our "no records" response to DoD within the next few days. We will advise the requester. Mr. Greenwald, that his request has been forwarded to OSD/JS FOIA for direct response. Our response to Mr. Greenwald will be sent DFOIPO for further coordination to OSD.

Regards,

Cindy Blacker  
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-----Original Message-----

From: [donotreply@nsa.gov](mailto:donotreply@nsa.gov) [mailto:[donotreply@nsa.gov](mailto:donotreply@nsa.gov)]  
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 10:33 PM  
To: [donotreply@nsa.gov](mailto:donotreply@nsa.gov)  
Cc: [john@greenewald.com](mailto:john@greenewald.com)  
Subject: FOIA Request (Web form submission)

Name: John Greenwald

Email: [john@greenewald.com](mailto:john@greenewald.com)

Company: The Black Vault

Postal Address: [REDACTED]

Postal 2nd Line: None

Postal City: [REDACTED]

Postal State-prov: [REDACTED]

Zip Code: [REDACTED]

Country: United States of America

Home Phone: 8185855218

Work Phone: 8185855218

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](mailto: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 all documents pertaining to the capture of Osama Bin Laden's body, and all documents pertaining to what happened with Bin Laden's body after his capture -- up to the point of his burial into the ocean.

I also respectfully request all records pertaining to the talking points for the media and the public, how the government would announce his death, etc. Please include all records, electronic or otherwise, which includes, but is not limited to, memos, letters, reports, inter-agency communications, photos, videos, etc.

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

Sincerely,

John Greenewald, Jr.  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



14-F-0643

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From: [donotreply\(5\)nsa.gov](mailto:donotreply(5)nsa.gov) [fmailto:donotreply\(5\)nsa.gov1](mailto:donotreply(5)nsa.gov1)

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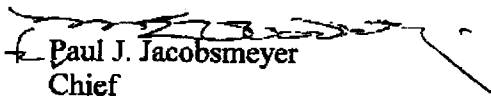
John Greenewald  
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This Office is responding on behalf of the Department of Defense to all Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests relating to the death of Osama Bin Laden that were submitted to any component of the Department of Defense. You submitted a request to the National Security Agency (NSA) for "a copy of all documents pertaining to the capture of Osama Bin Laden's body, and all documents pertaining to what happened with Bin Laden's body after his capture -- up to the point of his burial into the ocean" and "all records pertaining to the talking points for the media and the public, how the government would announce his death, etc." You also requested "all records, electronic or otherwise, which includes, but is not limited to, memos, letters, reports, inter-agency communications, photos, videos, etc." Your request was assigned NSA FOIA case number 77107 and this office additionally assigned FOIA case number 14-F-0643 to your request.

Concerning your request to the National Security Agency, that organization would not be expected to have records responsive to your request as it was worded. If you are not satisfied with this response, you may appeal to the appellate authority, the Director of Administration and Management, Office of the Secretary of Defense. To submit your appeal, you should write directly to the Defense Freedom of Information Policy Office, ATTN: Mr. James Hogan, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20101-1155. Your appeal should be postmarked within 60 calendar days of the date of this letter, should cite to case number 14-F-0643 and should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal".

Sincerely,

  
Paul J. Jacobsmeyer  
Chief