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

FOIA Case: 68309
3 August 2012

Mr. John Greenewald
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of 26 February 2009, to the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), for the following:

All reasonable documents pertaining to Unidentified Flying Objects, or UFOs, that have been created or released since subject's FOIA Request case #0292-97. Please include all documents that pertain to subject's request, which includes, but is not limited to, emails, letters, reports, photographs, videos, etc. that pertain to his request.

A copy of your request is enclosed. The DIA referred 2 NSA-originated documents (5 pages) to the National Security Agency/Central Security Service (NSA/CSS) on 26 July 2012 (0201-2009) for our review and direct response to you. This referral has been assigned case number 68309.

The NSA/CSS is the nation's cryptologic organization, and we have a twofold mission. Our Information Assurance mission is to provide solutions, products, and services to protect U.S. information infrastructures critical to national security interests. In response to requirements set at the highest levels of government, our Signals Intelligence mission is to collect, process, and disseminate intelligence information from foreign signals for national foreign intelligence and counterintelligence purposes and to support military operations.

Please be advised that "UFO's," "extra-terrestrials," and "paranormal activities" do not relate to NSA's mission. NSA documents that have been located in searches for "UFO" documents generally fall into two categories. One category of "UFO" documents consists of items written by NSA employees with an interest in UFOs or open source publications (magazine/newspaper articles) that were placed into "agency" files by employees. These records are then

subject to the provisions of the FOIA only because they became "agency records" once they were placed in official agency files.

NSA has reviewed and declassified over 450 pages of material related to UFOs and has made the material available on the Internet. You can access the NSA FOIA Home Page at the Internet URL:

http://www.nsa.gov/public_info/foia/index.shtml. The releasable UFO material is found by clicking on "Frequently Requested Information," then "Declassification Initiatives." Once there, click on "Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs)" or simply go to URL:

http://www.nsa.gov/public_info/declass/ufo/index.shtml. This will take you to an index where you will find a listing of UFO related documents. In addition, there is also a listing of UFO terms for which we hold no records, at URL: http://www.nsa.gov/public_info/foia/freq_req_info/ufo_topics.shtml.

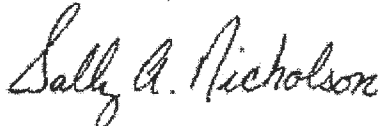
The other category of records consists of foreign intelligence reports that contain the words such as "unidentified aircraft" or "unidentified (flying) object" or the like. These are simply terms that are used to describe conventional aircraft or objects (possibly weather balloons) that have been identified as such at the time of the report. The reports themselves are not focused on "UFOs," but happen to contain terms related to them. The 2 documents (5 pages) referred by DIA fits this category and have been reviewed by this Agency as required by the FOIA and have been found to be currently and properly classified in accordance with Executive Order 13526. These documents meet the criteria for classification as set forth in Subparagraph (c) of Section 1.4 and remain classified TOP SECRET as provided in Section 1.2 of Executive Order 13526. The documents are classified because their disclosure could reasonably be expected to cause exceptionally grave damage to the national security. Because the documents are currently and properly classified, they are exempt from disclosure pursuant to the first exemption of the FOIA (5 U.S.C. Section 552(b)(1)).

In addition, this Agency is authorized by various statutes to protect certain information concerning its activities. We have determined that such information exists in these documents. Accordingly, those portions 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 statutes applicable in this case are Title 18 U.S. Code 798; Title 50 U.S. Code 403-1(i); and Section 6, Public Law 86-36 (50 U.S. Code 402 note). No portion of the information is reasonably segregable.

The Initial Denial Authority for NSA information is the Deputy Associate Director for Policy and Records, D. M. Janosek. Since your request has been

denied, you are hereby advised of this Agency's appeal procedures. Any person denied access to information 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 initial denial of access and shall contain, in sufficient detail and particularity, the grounds upon which the requester believes release of the information is required. The NSA/CSS Appeal Authority will endeavor to respond to the appeal within 20 working days after receipt, absent unusual circumstances.

Sincerely,

for 

PAMELA N. PHILLIPS

Chief

FOIA/PA Office

Encl:
a/s

Wiegman, Stephen A.

From: John Greenewald [john@greenewald.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2009 3:05 PM
To: FOIA
Subject: FOIA Request #2

FEB 27 2009

Dear Sir,

This is a non-commercial request made under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 5 U.S.C. S 552. Pursuant to the U. S. OPEN Records Act of 2007, my FOIA requester status as a "representative of the news media" -- a status entitling me to full waiver of your agency's records-processing fees incident to your fulfilling this request. For examples of my various publication credits in this regard, I refer you to my radio network, and my own personal radio show (syndicated on FM and AM stations) at <http://www.blackvaultradio.com> <<http://www.blackvaultradio.com/>> . My internet website <http://www.theblackvault.com> <<http://www.theblackvault.com/>> which holds a vast government document database, along with many freelance articles that I have written, which have also been published in magazines and websites, including OpEdNews.com, UFO Magazine, FATE Magazine, and others.

Sir, I respectfully request all releasable documents pertaining to Unidentified Flying Objects, or UFOs, that have been created or released since my FOIA Request case #0292-97. Please include all documents that pertain to my request, which includes, but is not limited to, emails, letters, reports, photographs, videos, etc. that pertain to my request.

Thank you so much for your time, and I am very much looking forward to your response. Please know that electronic delivery of the requested material or correspondence related to this case is preferred and accepted in lieu of paper copies via snail mail.

Sincerely,

John Greenewald, Jr.
