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Dear John Greenewald,

This is our final response to your 15 February 2018, Freedom of Information Act request regarding *"On January 21, 1968, a US Air Force B-52 bomber carrying four hydrogen bombs crashed into the frozen ocean in North Star Bay, Greenland near Thule Air Base. An escalating cabin fire had forced the crew to eject from the aircraft. The nuclear payload ruptured and was dispersed during the subsequent explosion and fire atop the ice, resulting in widespread radioactive contamination."*

The Office of the Air Force Surgeon General (AF/SG) conducted a proper search for responsive documents and identified the attached seven (7) documents. AF/SG identified documents at Tab 1-4 and 6 as releasable in full. AF/SG also determined that certain information in the documents identified at Tab 5 and 7 should be withheld under Title 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6) of the FOIA. Exemption (b)(6) permits the government to withhold all information about individuals in "personnel and medical files and similar files" when the disclosure of such information "would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." The Denial Authority is AF/SG.

Should you decide that an appeal to these decisions is necessary, you must write to the Secretary of the Air Force, Thru: SAF/AAll (FOIA), 1000 Air Force Pentagon, Washington, DC 20330-1000 within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Include in the appeal, your reasons for reconsideration, and attach a copy of this letter.

For any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request, you have the right to contact the Air Force FOIA Public Liaison Officer, Ms. Anh Trinh, concerning this matter at AF FOIA Public Liaison Office (SAF/CIO A6XA), 1800 Air Force Pentagon, Washington, DC 20330-1800, [usaf.pentagon.saf-cio-a6.mbx.af-foia@mail.mil](mailto:usaf.pentagon.saf-cio-a6.mbx.af-foia@mail.mil) or (703) 614-8500.

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Please contact this office at the address above or via email at [usaf.pentagon.saf-aa.mbx.haf-foia-workflow@mail.mil](mailto:usaf.pentagon.saf-aa.mbx.haf-foia-workflow@mail.mil) should you have any questions and refer to case #2018-01545-F. Department of Defense Regulation 5400.07/Air Force Manual 33-302 indicates fees be assessed for processing this request; however, there are no applicable fees in this instance.

Thank you,  
FOIA Administration Section

Enclosure:  
Tabs 1-7