



**DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20340-5100**



U-22-8534/IMO-2 (FOIA)

January 21, 2022

John Greenewald  
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Greenewald,

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated September 19, 2012 that you submitted to the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) requesting all documents pertaining to any warning to the United States regarding a potential terrorist attack on or around Sept. 11th 2012. I apologize for the delay in responding to your request. DIA continues its efforts to eliminate the large backlog of pending FOIA requests. In order to properly respond, it was necessary to consult with other agencies and multiple offices within the agency.

A search of DIA's systems of records located six documents (35 pages) responsive to your request.

Upon review, I have determined that some portions of three documents (23 pages) must be withheld in part from disclosure pursuant to the FOIA. The withheld portions are exempt from release pursuant to Exemptions 1, 3, and 6 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(1), (b)(3), and (b)(6). Exemption 1 applies to information properly classified under the criteria of Executive Order 13526. Exemption 3 applies to information specifically exempted by a statute establishing particular criteria for withholding. The applicable statutes are 10 U.S.C. § 424 and 50 U.S.C. § 3024(i). Statute 10 U.S.C. § 424 protects the identity of DIA employees, the organizational structure of the agency, and any function of DIA. Statute 50 U.S.C. § 3024(i) protects intelligence sources and methods. Exemption 6 applies to information which if released would constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of other individuals.

Further, I have determined that three of the responsive documents (12 pages) must be withheld in full pursuant to the FOIA. These withheld documents are exempt from release pursuant to Exemptions 1, 3, and 6 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(1), (b)(3), and (b)(6). Exemption 1 applies to information properly classified under the criteria of Executive Order 13526. Exemption 3 applies to information specifically exempted by a statute establishing particular criteria for withholding. The applicable statutes are 10 U.S.C. § 424 and 50 U.S.C. § 3024(i). Statute 10 U.S.C. § 424 protects the identity of DIA employees, the organizational structure of the agency, and any function of DIA. Statute 50 U.S.C. § 3024(i) protects intelligence sources and methods. Exemption 6 applies to information which if released would constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of other individuals.

If you are not satisfied with my response to your request, you may contact the DIA FOIA Requester Service Center, as well as our FOIA Public Liaison at 301-394-6253.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. You may contact OGIS by email at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770, toll free at 1-877-684-6448 or facsimile at 202-741-5769; or you may mail them at the following address:

Office of Government Information Services  
National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS  
College Park, MD 20740-6001

You may also exercise your right to file an administrative appeal by writing to the address below and referring to case number FOIA-00437-2012. Your appeal must be postmarked no later than 90 days after the date of this letter.

Defense Intelligence Agency  
ATTN: IMO-2C (FOIA)  
200 MacDill Blvd.  
Washington, D.C. 20430-5100

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cheryl Cross-Davidson', is written over the printed name.

(For)  
Cheryl Cross-Davidson  
Chief, Records and Open Government

Enclosure: a/s

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**From:**

**To:**

**Subject:**

FW: (U//~~FOUO~~) REISSUED TTS: COL: As of 01 September 2012, Pending Terrorist Attack Against U.S. Embassy  
In Colombia, Scheduled for 11 September 2012

**Date:**

Friday, September 07, 2012 1:44:08 PM

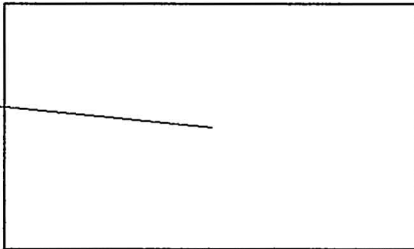
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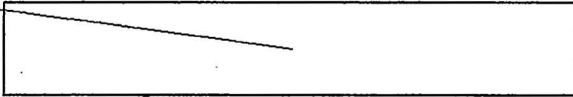
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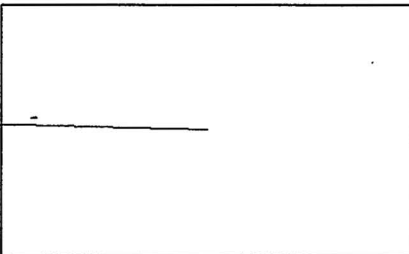
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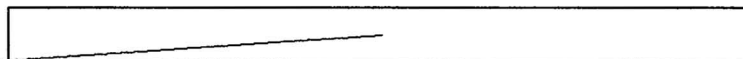
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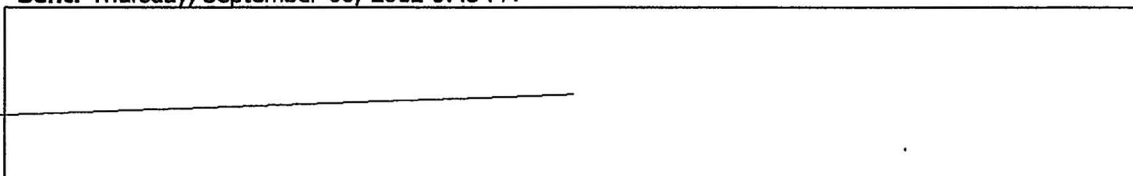


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Good Evening,

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[redacted] is substantively revising TTS: COL: As of 01 September 2012,  
Pending Terrorist Attack Against U.S. Embassy In Colombia, Scheduled for 11 September 2012 [redacted]

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[redacted] We are reissuing this TTS to incorporate new threat information from [redacted]  
regarding the same alleged attack. Please note that our assessment of this threat is NOT changed.  
Please delete and/or destroy any copies of the original TTS sent on Sun 9/2/2012 at 0429.

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U.S. Embassy In Colombia, Scheduled for 11 September 2012 [redacted]

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To:  
Cc:

Tuesday, September 18, 2012 9:14 AM

Subject:

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Responsive

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full IAW (b)(1), 1.4c.

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424;1.4 (c)

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(b)(1);1.4 (c)

THERE IS CONCERN THAT SENSITIVE  
ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION MAY BE COMPROMISED AND USED TO TARGET U.S.  
GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL, U.S. FACILITIES, ALLIED PERSONNEL/EQUIPMENT,  
AND U.S. EQUIPMENT.

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(b)(1);1.4 (c)

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(1), 1.4(c) and (b)(3) 10  
USC 424.

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(b)(3):50 USC 3024(l)

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(b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;(b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c);(b)(3):50 USC 3024(l)

- (U) On 6 June, a previously unknown group calling itself the Brigades of Captive Umar Abd al-Rahman claimed responsibility for an IED attack on the U.S. mission in Benghazi by stating it was in response to the recent death of al-Qaida deputy leader Abu Yahya al-Libi. The claim also threatened the United States for what it referred to as polluting the skies of Darnah, according to Libyan press.<sup>1</sup>

(b)(1)1.4(c);(b)(3):10 USC 424;(b)(3):50 USC 3024(l)

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(b)(3):50 USC 3024(l)

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- (U) On 11 June, the Brigades of the Captive Umar Abd al-Rahman claimed responsibility for the 6 June attack and the 22 May attack on a Red Cross office in Benghazi, according to two online statements by the group.<sup>3, 4</sup> Libyan press from 6 June stated on 27 May the brigades claimed responsibility for a 22 May attack.<sup>5, 6</sup>
- (U//~~FOUO~~) On 8 June, unidentified individuals threw two grenades at UK embassy vehicles in Sebha, according to the U.S. Embassy in Tripoli.<sup>7</sup>

(b)(1)1.4(c)

- (U//~~FOUO~~) On 6 April, members of the Blue Mountain Group militia threw an IED over the wall of the U.S. diplomatic mission in Benghazi, according State Department's Diplomatic Security Service.<sup>9</sup>

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(b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;(b)(6)

(b)(1)

<sup>1</sup> (U) ~~OSC~~; ~~GMP20120606950039~~; 061648Z JUN 12; (U) FYI -- LIBYAN GROUP CLAIMS RESPONSIBILITY FOR ATTACK ON US MISSION IN BENGHAZI; Overall document classification is ~~U~~.

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<sup>3</sup> (U//~~FOUO~~) ~~OSC~~; ~~GMP20120611405001~~; 111819Z JUN 12; (U//~~FOUO~~) LIBYA: CAPTIVE SHAYKH UMAR ABD-AL-RAHMAN BRIGADES CLAIMS ATTACK ON US CONSULATE; Overall document classification is ~~U~~.

<sup>4</sup> (U//~~FOUO~~) ~~OSC~~; ~~GMP20120611836002~~; 111814Z JUN 12; (U//~~FOUO~~) LIBYA: CAPTIVE SHAYKH UMAR ABD-AL-RAHMAN BRIGADES CLAIMS ATTACK ON RED CROSS; Overall document classification is ~~U~~.

<sup>5</sup> (U) ~~OSC~~; ~~GMP20120606950039~~; 061648Z JUN 12; (U) FYI -- LIBYAN GROUP CLAIMS RESPONSIBILITY FOR ATTACK ON US MISSION IN BENGHAZI; Overall document classification is ~~U~~.

<sup>6</sup> (U) ~~OSC~~; ~~GMP20120522950037~~; 221959Z MAY 12; (U) INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS COMMITTEE'S OFFICE IN BENGHAZI ATTACKED; Overall document classification is ~~U~~.

<sup>7</sup> (U) ~~DoS~~; ~~TRIPOLI 000512~~; 111446Z JUN 12; Tripoli EAC - 10 June 2012; Overall document classification is ~~U//~~FOUO~~~~.

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<sup>9</sup> (U//~~FOUO~~) ~~DoS~~; ~~ITANSF-06-08-Apr12~~; (U//~~FOUO~~) Diplomatic Security Daily; Overall document classification is ~~U//~~FOUO~~~~.

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