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October 4, 2022
Ref: DODOIG-2022-000546

SENT VIA EMAIL TO: john@greenewald.com

Mr. John Greenewald, Jr.
The Black Vault, Inc.
27305 W. Live Oak Road, Suite 1203
Castaic, CA 91384

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for all emails that are to/from (bcc'd or cc'd) the Department of Defense, Office of Inspector General, and Luis Elizondo, from October 3, 2017 through to the date of processing this request. We received your request on February 28, 2022, and assigned it case number DODOIG-2022-000546.

The Mission Support Team conducted a search and located records responsive to your request. Upon review, we determined that the attached eight pages are appropriate for release in part pursuant to FOIA (5 U.S.C. § 552) exemption (b)(6), which pertains to information, the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Ms. Derrica Stone at 703-604-9775 or via email at foiarequests@dodig.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Searle Slutzkin'.

Searle Slutzkin
Division Chief
FOIA, Privacy and Civil Liberties Office

Attachment(s):
As stated

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From Luis Elizondo <(b) (6)>
 To '(b) (6)',, OIG DoD" <(b) (6)>@DODIG.MIL>
 Subject RE: [Non-DoD Source] Letter of Representation: REF-Elizondo
 Date Wed, 19 May 2021 17:53:04 +0000
 Message-Id <1275409876.388103.1621446784690@mail.yahoo.com>

10-4!

Best,

Luis

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

On Wed, May 19, 2021 at 10:31 AM, (b) (6) OIG DoD

<(b) (6)>@DODIG.MIL> wrote:

I will be dialing you both in telephonically.

I show your number as (b) (6)

I show (b) (6) as (b) (6)

If those are not correct, please let me know.

v/r

(b) (6)

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From: Luis Elizondo <(b) (6)>

Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2021 10:12 AM

To: '(b) (6)',, OIG DoD <(b) (6)>@DODIG.MIL>

Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Letter of Representation: REF-Elizondo

Sir,

Will you be sending a zoom link for today's meeting or will it be telephonic only? Furthermore, since my representation will be joining us, do you have a specific telephone number you would like us to use?

Thank you very much.

Best

Luis

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

On Mon, May 17, 2021 at 1:17 PM, (b) (6),, OIG DoD

<(b) (6)>@DODIG.MIL> wrote:

Sir,

I am in receipt of the letter of representation you provided to this office, thank you.

Of note: (b) (6) specifically requested that DoD IG provide to you a recording and/or certified printed transcription of your interview. All requests for DoD IG files must be made through our FOIA office and not through an individual investigator. You are very welcome to forward your request to them, and it will be handled in the appropriate manner.

I look forward to speaking with you on Wednesday.

Thank you again,

v/r

(b) (6)

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From: Luis Elizondo <(b) (6)>

Sent: Saturday, May 15, 2021 8:05 PM

To: (b) (6),, OIG DoD <(b) (6)> @DODIG.MIL>

Cc: (b) (6) <(b) (6)>

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Letter of Representation: REF-Elizondo

(b) (6),

Per your request, attached is my letter of Representation.

Best,

Luis "Lue" Elizondo

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(b) (6)

I am legally representing Mr. Luis Elizondo in the protection of his First Amendment right *not* to be retaliated against by Federal Government officials and employees for his speaking out publicly about the non-classified aspects of his work as the Director of the United States Defense Department's Advance Aerospace Threat Identification Program. Lue has asked me to be present (telephonically) and represent him during your sworn interview of him to be conducted on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 1500 hours Eastern Standard Time. And I have agreed to do this.

Please call me and patch me into your interview call with Lue at (b) (6) shortly before 1500 hours Eastern Time. And I would appreciate it if Lue could be provided a recording and/or a certified printed transcription of his interview.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions prior to the interview. I look forward to being of whatever assistance I can be to you in your investigation of the information that is necessary for you to successfully complete your investigation of Lue's assertions regarding the actions taken against him by officers and employees of the Defense Department for his exercise of his Right to Free Speech.

Thank you,

Very respectfully,

From: "(b) (6) [REDACTED] OIG DoD" <(b) (6) [REDACTED]@DODIG.MIL>
 To: "(b) (6) [REDACTED], OIG DoD" <(b) (6) [REDACTED]@DODIG.MIL>, "(b) (6) [REDACTED] OIG DoD" <(b) (6) [REDACTED]@DODIG.MIL>, "(b) (6) [REDACTED], OIG DoD" <(b) (6) [REDACTED]@DODIG.MIL>
 Subject: Interview with Mr. Luis Elizondo
 Date: Thu, 3 Jun 2021 17:27:29 +0000
 Message-Id: <157ef9d47dae49228c8f62abe0f4e333@01AESVC-MBD.dodig.mil>

Sir, Apologies for not responding sooner. I am on a plane. Received your voicemail. Proposed itinerary works for me! Please consider this confirmation.

Bes Regards/Very Respectfully

Luis

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

On Thu, Jun 3, 2021 at 10:34 AM, (b) (6) [REDACTED], OIG DoD

<(b) (6) [REDACTED]@DODIG.MIL> wrote:

Sir,

The best day right now is Tuesday, June 15. Would 1300 work? I'll book a room 1300-1430, but not sure if we'll need that entire time. It will mostly depend on how much information you have to help with our evaluation. As I'm sure you recall, I'm working on the Evaluation of DoD's actions regarding UAPs. We do not do any of the administrative investigations, which are handled by a separate component within the OIG.

Since you are planning on bringing your attorney, I guess we won't need a room that is cleared for classified discussion?

Let me know if Tuesday the 15th at 1300 doesn't work for you so I can schedule a room for a different time.

Looking forward to meeting you in person.

V/r,

(b) (6) [REDACTED]

From: Luis Elizondo <(b) (6) [REDACTED]>

Sent: Wednesday, June 2, 2021 9:22 PM

To: (b) (6) [REDACTED] OIG DoD <(b) (6) [REDACTED]@DODIG.MIL>; (b) (6) [REDACTED] OIG DoD

<(b) (6) [REDACTED]@DODIG.MIL>

Cc: (b) (6) [REDACTED] <(b) (6) [REDACTED]>

Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Fw: UAP Interview & OIG contact information

Greetings Sir,

Looks like I have the logistics arranged. Which day works better for you? What time is best? My attorney and I will accommodate your schedule!

Best Regards,

Lue

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On Tue, May 25, 2021 at 4:49 PM, (b) (6) [REDACTED] OIG DoD

<(b) (6) [REDACTED]@DODIG.MIL> wrote:

Sir,

Not a problem. We can't be flexible! Don't rush out on our account, this project will take some time.

V/r,

(b) (6) [REDACTED]

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(www.blackberry.com)

From: Luis Elizondo <(b) (6) [REDACTED] <mailto:(b) (6) [REDACTED]>>

Date: Tuesday, May 25, 2021, 6:47 PM

To: (b) (6) [REDACTED] OIG DoD <(b) (6) [REDACTED]@DODIG.MIL<mailto:(b) (6) [REDACTED]@DODIG.MIL>>

Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Fw: UAP Interview & OIG contact information

Sir, i am currently looking at my calendar. (b) (6)
 . Doing my best to

accommodate. Please stand by.

Best,

Lue

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On Tue, May 25, 2021 at 8:00 AM, (b) (6) OIG DoD

<(b) (6)@DODIG.MIL> wrote:

Lue – just checking to see if you have solidified your plans to visit DC? Does the 15th or 17th work for you?

V/r,

(b) (6)

From: (b) (6) OIG DoD

Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2021 1:05 PM

To: 'Luis Elizondo' <(b) (6)>

Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Fw: UAP Interview & OIG contact information

Lue,

That week is still pretty open. Would 1300 on Tuesday the 15th or Thursday the 17th work? We will have a set of questions by then, but would want to be sure we give you time for anything we didn't think to ask about that you think is important for us to know.

V/r,

(b) (6)

From: Luis Elizondo <(b) (6)>

Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2021 5:50 PM

To: (b) (6) OIG DoD <(b) (6)@DODIG.MIL>

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Fw: UAP Interview & OIG contact information

Greetings Sir, and good evening. Is there a day that works particularly good for you and/or your colleagues the week of 14 June?

Best,

Lue

From: "(b) (6), OIG DoD" <(b) (6)@DODIG.MIL>

To: "(b) (6)" <(b) (6)>

Cc:

Sent: Fri, May 14, 2021 at 2:04 PM

Subject: UAP Interview & OIG contact information

Mr. Elizondo,

Thanks for taking my call. As we discussed, the UAP evaluation team would like to interview you early in the course of the evaluation. It sounds like the week of June 14th may work the best for you if we are to do the interview in person. Let me know your preference for a date when you can.

We look forward to hearing your insight on the topic.

V/r,

(b) (6)

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From: (b) (6) <(b) (6)>
 To: "Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD" <(b) (6)@dodig.mil>
 Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Greetings/Update (ELIZONDO)
 Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2021 23:20:20 -0600
 Message-Id: <CAGdCzopFz1a_q6p_jh_aTj-sXZJrDH6DAG_ZNBWD-Cott+BuuQ@mail.gmail.com>

10-4! No worries! (b) (6)
 ..sacred times indeed!

Best,
 Lue

On Sun, Aug 29, 2021, 7:00 PM Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)@dodig.mil> wrote:
 Hi Lue,

Good to hear from you. (b) (6) As I mentioned earlier my folks cant help with the administrative complaint but the evaluation into the UAP is progressing!

Best to you and your family
 Randy

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 (www.blackberry.com)

From: (b) (6) <(b) (6)> <mailto:(b) (6)> >>

Date: Friday, Aug 27, 2021, 11:47

To: Stone, Randolph R., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)@DODIG.MIL<mailto:(b) (6)@DODIG.MIL>>, (b) (6) <(b) (6)> <mailto:(b) (6)> >>

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Greetings/Update (ELIZONDO)

Sir,

Apologies for not seeing you this month but (b) (6)

I will try for sometime in late September to meet again with your investigators/auditors at a time of their convenience.

In the mean time, i thought you might find the below link interesting. As a result of a recent FOIA request, it appears that Pentagon PAO is still publically stating "I had no assigned responsibilities for AATIP during my time at OUSDI". Clearly they still do not acknowledge my role and addressing the public in this manner is disingenuous because it appears that i had no responsibilities at all. Hopefully during your efforts, you have a much more clear picture by now. (b) (6)

I was given a job to do by the Pentagon, and now they pretend i didnt do the job i was asked to do. It is a feeling of betrayal by certain individuals i cant begin to explain.

Thank you for your efforts.

Best Regards/Very Respectfully,

Luis "Lue" Elizondo

<https://www.theblackvault.com/documentarchive/department-of-defense-briefing-card-on-unidentified-aerial-phenomena/>

(As of May 17, 2021:) "[If asked about the role of former DoD employee Luis Elizondo in the Advanced Aerospace

Threat Identification Program (AATIP):] Luis Elizondo had no assigned responsibilities for AATIP while assigned to OUSD(I)."

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