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September 7, 2022
Ref: DODOIG-2022-001026

SENT VIA EMAIL TO: john@greenewald.com

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

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for a copy of the email chain, started circa 19 February 2021, written by Randolph R. Stone, Assistant Inspector General for Evaluations, with the subject "UAP/AATIP Resignation Memo", as well as all attachments and all other replies that may also exist in this chain. We received your request on June 29, 2022, and assigned it case number DODOIG-2022-001026.

The Evaluations Component conducted a search and located records responsive to your request. Upon review, we determined that the attached three pages are appropriate for release in part pursuant to the following FOIA (5 U.S.C. § 552) exemptions:

- (b)(5), which pertains to certain inter-and intra-agency communications protected by the deliberative process privilege. The purpose for withholding such recommendations is to encourage the free and candid exchange of opinions and advice during the decision-making process. In applying the foreseeable harm standard, we determined that disclosure of this information is likely to diminish the candor of agency deliberations in the future; and
- (b)(6), which pertains to information, the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

If you consider this an adverse determination, you may submit an appeal. Your appeal, if any, must be postmarked within 90 days of the date of this letter. Since you have created an account in FOIAonline, please log in to your account, retrieve your original request, and then click on the "Create Appeal" tab in the left-hand column. FOIAonline will populate your request and contact information automatically. In the "Basis for Appeal" box, provide your explanation, attach supporting documentation (if necessary), click on preview, and then click on submit. Your appeal will automatically be sent to our office via FOIAonline. However, please note that FOIA appeals can only examine adverse determinations concerning the FOIA process. For more information on appellate matters and administrative appeal procedures, please refer to 32 C.F.R. Sec. 286.9(e) and 286.11(a).

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at FOIAPublicLiaison@dodig.mil, or by calling 703-604-9785, for any further assistance with your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and

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Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, MD 20740-6001, email at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769. However, OGIS does not have the authority to mediate requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974 (request to access one's own records).

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'.

Searle Slutzkin
Division Chief
FOIA, Privacy and Civil Liberties Office

Attachment(s):
As stated

From: "(b) (6)" [REDACTED] <(b) (6)@DODIG.MIL>
 To: "(b) (6)" [REDACTED] <(b) (6)@dodig.mil>
 Subject: RE: UAP/AATIP Resignation Memo
 Date: Mon, 22 Feb 2021 13:01:55 +0000
 Message-Id: <208f8fec4fb84b2f85610732bdfa5e59@DODIG.MIL>

Good morning,

Thank you for keeping me in the loop. (b) (5), (b) (6) [REDACTED]

V/r

(b) (6) [REDACTED]

From: (b) (6) [REDACTED], OIG DoD <(b) (6)@dodig.mil>

Sent: Monday, February 22, 2021 6:58 AM

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

Subject: FW: UAP/AATIP Resignation Memo

Good Morning,

You were omitted from the original email that Randy sent out.

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(www.blackberry.com)

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

Date: Friday, Feb 19, 2021, 5:02 PM

To: (b) (6) [REDACTED] OIG DoD <(b) (6)@DODIG.MIL<mailto:(b) (6)@DODIG.MIL>>,
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Cc: Roark, Michael J., SES, OIG DoD <(b) (6)@DODIG.MIL<mailto:(b) (6)@DODIG.MIL>>

Subject: UAP/AATIP Resignation Memo

See attached. I found this my Apple News on my iPad so I took a photo (b) (5) [REDACTED]

Randolph R. Stone

Assistant Inspector General for Evaluations

Space, Intelligence, Engineering, and Oversight

DoD Office of the Inspector General

(b) (6) [REDACTED]

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>
 Subject: FW: UAP/AATIP Resignation Memo
 Date: Tue, 9 Mar 2021 19:02:19 +0000
 Message-Id: <eca910a66ccc4215b20aa6d7d993136b@DODIG.MIL>

Hi,
 Here's the email Randy was talking about.
 Thanks again for all your hard work on this.

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 Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 5:02 PM
 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>; (b) (6) [REDACTED], OIG DoD <(b) (6) [REDACTED]@DODIG.MIL>; (b) (6) [REDACTED], OIG DoD <(b) (6) [REDACTED]@DODIG.MIL>
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Randolph R. Stone
 Assistant Inspector General for Evaluations
 Space, Intelligence, Engineering, and Oversight
 DoD Office of the Inspector General
 (b) (6) [REDACTED]

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WASHINGTON, DC 20301-5000

INTELLIGENCE

MEMORANDUM FOR: RECORD

SUBJECT: Letter of Resignation & Differed Retirement

Mr. Secretary;

It has been my sincere honor and pleasure to have served with some of America's finest men and women in both peace time and in war. For over 22 years, I have been blessed to learn from, and work with world-class leadership, you certainly being among the very best.

With that in mind, bureaucratic challenges and inflexible mindsets continue to plague the Department at all levels. This is particularly true regarding the controversial topic of anomalous aerospace threats. Despite overwhelming evidence at both the unclassified and classified levels, certain individuals in the Department remain staunchly opposed to further research on what could be a tactical threat to our pilots, sailors, and soldiers, and perhaps even an existential threat to our national security. In many instances, there seems to be a direct correlation the phenomena exhibits with respect to our nuclear and military capabilities. The Department must take serious the many accounts by the Navy and other Services of unusual aerial systems interfering with military weapon platforms and displaying beyond next generation capabilities. Underestimating or ignoring these potential threats is not in the best interest of the Department no matter the level of political contention. There remains a vital need to ascertain capability and intent of these phenomena for the benefit of the armed forces and the nation.

For this reason, effective 4 October 2017, I humbly submit my resignation in hopes it will encourage you to ask the hard questions: "who else knows?", what are their capabilities?", and "why aren't we spending more time and effort on the issue?". As I transition to a new chapter of my life, please know it has been an honor and privilege of a lifetime to serve with you. Rest assure, no matter where the path of life may lead me, I will always have the best interest of the Department and the American people as my guiding principle.

Luis D. Elizondo

Director

National Programs Special Management Staff

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and research of John Greenewald, Jr., creator of:

The Black Vault



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