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Mr. John Greenewald
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Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is a final response to your April 24, 2024 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, a copy of which is enclosed for your convenience. The Office of the Secretary of Defense/Joint Staff (OSD/JS) FOIA Requester Service Center received your request on April 25, 2024, and assigned it FOIA case number 24-F-1138. We ask that you use this number when referring to your request.

The Office of the Under Secretary of Defense Intelligence & Security (OUSD(I&S)) All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office (AARO), a component of OSD, conducted a search of their records systems and located one document, totaling one page, determined to be responsive to your request. It has been determined that this document is appropriate for release in the entirety, without excision.

This constitutes a full grant of your request and closes your case file in this office. There are no assessable fees associated with this response.

Should you wish to inquire about mediation services, you may contact the OSD/JS FOIA Public Liaison, Virginia Burke, by email at osd.mc-alex.oatsd-pclt.mbx.foia-liaison@mail.mil or by phone at 571-372-0462. You may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer at: email at ogis@nara.gov, or phone at 202-741-5770 or 1-877-684-6448.

You have the right to appeal to the appellate authority, Mr. Michael Kremlacek, Acting Principal Deputy to the Secretary of Defense for Privacy, Civil Liberties, and Transparency (PCLT), Office of the Secretary of Defense, at: 4800 Mark Center Drive, ATTN: PCLFD, FOIA Appeals, Mailbox #24, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700. Your appeal must be postmarked within 90 calendar days of the date of this response. Alternatively, you may email your appeal to osd.foia-appeal@mail.mil. If you use email, please include the words "FOIA Appeal" in the subject of the email. Please also reference FOIA case number 24-F-1138 in any appeal correspondence.

If you have any questions or concerns about the foregoing or about the processing of your request, please do not hesitate to contact the Action Officer assigned to your request, Amy Steinfadt, at amy.r.steinfadt.civ@mail.mil or 571-372-0433. Additionally, if you have concerns about service received by our office, please contact a member of our Leadership Team at 571-372-0498 or Toll Free at 866-574-4970.

Sincerely,

Stephen L. Fisher

Pamela Andrews
For Chief, FOIA

Enclosures:
As stated

VERBAL LEGAL ADVISEMENT


Good afternoon. Today's date is _____. I am _____ from the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security OUSD (I&S).

Before we begin today's discussion, I want to go over a few matters, so the parameters of this discussion are clear:

1. Do you agree that you are voluntarily participating in this oral history?
2. Do you understand that you may choose to not answer specific questions and that you may end this interview at any time?
3. Do you understand that the primary purpose of this oral history effort is not to collect information about you, but to the extent that information about you is collected and maintained by the Department of Defense during this effort, it may be subject to the safeguards and requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974.
 - The principle purpose of this oral history interview is to record your knowledge of historical information that focuses on persons, events, and topics of historical interest to the Department of Defense and the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security. Such historical information may be used as source materials for official memorandums or other historical works.
 - Information about you collected during this interview may be shared as a routine use pursuant to DoD-0014, DoD Historical Records system of records (87 FR 54204, Sep. 1, 2022) and as otherwise authorized pursuant to the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a(b)).
4. Do you understand that the transcripts and any materials resulting from this oral history will belong to the U.S. Government to be used in any manner, consistent with federal law, deemed in the best interests of the Department of Defense, as determined by the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security?
5. Do you understand that the notes and/or transcripts from this oral history, any other materials, and the information derived from them may be made available to the U.S. Congress?
6. Do you understand that for the limited purpose of this oral history, and only during the course of our discussion in this Secure Compartmented Information Facility (SCIF), that the information you disclose is not subject to any Nondisclosure Agreement you have signed?
 - You are advised that upon completion of this interview today that all non-disclosure agreements remain in full force.
7. Do you understand that a knowing and willful false statement during this interview can be punished by fine or imprisonment or both (18 U.S.C. 1001)?
8. Do you understand that intentionally withholding, misrepresenting, or falsifying information may have a negative effect on your security clearance, employment prospects, or job status, up to and including denial or revocation of your security clearance, or your removal and debarment from Federal service?

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