



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
4800 MARK CENTER DRIVE
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22350-1500

December 9, 2024
Ref: DODOIG-2024-000780

SENT VIA EMAIL TO: john@greenewald.com

Mr. John Greenewald, Jr.
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 all records generated during the processing of FOIA requests DODOIG-2023-000010, DODOIG-2023-000018, and DODOIG-2023-000019. We received your request on September 18, 2024, and assigned it case number DODOIG-2024-000780.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. 552(c). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

The FOIA, Privacy and Civil Liberties Office conducted a search and located records responsive to your request. Upon review, we determined that the enclosed 62 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.

Our review included consideration of the foreseeable harm standard, as stated in DoDM 5400.07. Under this standard, the content of a particular record should be reviewed, and a determination made as to whether the DoD Component reasonably foresees that disclosing it, given its age, content, and character, would harm an interest protected by an applicable exemption.

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, clearly identify the determination that you would like to appeal, and reference to the FOIA case number above.

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Send your appeal via mail to the Department of Defense, Office of Inspector General, ATTN: FOIA Appellate Authority, Suite 10B24, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22350-1500, via email to foiaappeals@dodig.mil, or via facsimile to 571-372-7498. 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 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 Toni Jenkins at 703-604-9775 or via email at foiarequests@dodig.mil.

Sincerely,




Searle Slutzkin
Division Chief
FOIA, Privacy and Civil Liberties Office

Enclosure(s):
As stated

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Department of Defense Office of Inspector General Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Search Tasking Response

Case Number:

DODOIG-2023-000010

Request Date:

10/04/2022

Component:

AI

Sub Component:

WRI

POC Name:

(b) (6)

Systems Searched:

DCATS

Computer Hard Drives/Shared Drives Searched:

Emails Searched:

Paper Files/Other Records Searched:

Search Terms Used:

A search was conducted using DCATS for Luis Elizondo and his interview by WRI team dated May 19, 2021.

Comments:

WRI located DCATS 20210505-071182-CASE-02 with the interview and uploaded on G-drive. (b) (5)
(b) (5)

Results:

No Records Located

Records Provided

Other Provide Comment

Name:

(b) (6)

Position/Title:

ISS/(b) (6)

Phone Number:

(b) (6)

Search Start Date:

10/11/2022

Search End Date:

10/11/2022

Total Search Time:

30 mins

Jenkins, Toni., OIG DoD

From: (b) (6) OIG DoD
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2022 2:02 PM
To: Slutzkin, Searle, OIG DoD
Cc: Powers, Eric, OIG DoD; (b) (6), OIG DoD
Subject: RE: FOIA Request DODOIG-2023-000010
Signed By: (b) (6) @dodig.mil

CUH

Good afternoon,

Thank you for the information. (b) (6) will process the request after she return. Thank you

V/R

(b) (6)
Investigative Support Specialist
Whistleblower Reprisal Investigations
Department of Defense
Office of Inspector General
4800 Mark Center Drive
Alexandria, VA 22350-1500
Work #: (b) (6)
Email: (b) (6) @dodig.mil

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Controlled by: Administrative Investigations, Whistleblower Reprisal Investigations

CUI Category: PRIIG // INV // WHSTL

Distribution/Dissemination Controls: FED CON

POC: (b) (6)

CUH

-----Original Message-----

From: Slutzkin, Searle, OIG DoD (b) (6) @DODIG.MIL>
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2022 1:53 PM
To: (b) (6), OIG DoD (b) (6) @DODIG.MIL>
Cc: Powers, Eric, OIG DoD (b) (6) @DODIG.MIL>; (b) (6), OIG DoD (b) (6) @DODIG.MIL>
Subject: RE: FOIA Request DODOIG-2023-000010

(b) (6),

(b) (5)

In regard to the emails, the two requests (DODOIG-2023-000010 and DODOIG-2023-000018) are seeking different things. The former is seeking internal correspondence regarding Mr. Elizondo's interview with WRI, whereas the latter is seeking all emails within WRI containing the term "Elizondo". While there may be emails that overlap, we need to ensure that all internal emails pertaining to Mr. Elizondo's interview with WRI are provided under DODOIG-2023-000010.

I hope this helps, but please let me know if there is any additional information I can provide.

Thank you,
Searle

Searle Slutzkin
Division Chief
FOIA, Privacy and Civil Liberties Office

Office of Inspector General
Department of Defense

(b) (6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6), OIG DoD (b) (6) @DODIG.MIL>
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2022 1:23 PM
To: Slutzkin, Searle, OIG DoD (b) (6) @DODIG.MIL>
Cc: Powers, Eric, OIG DoD (b) (6) @DODIG.MIL>; (b) (6), OIG DoD (b) (6) @DODIG.MIL>
Subject: RE: FOIA Request DODOIG-2023-000010

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Good Afternoon,

Sorry for the delay in responding to your email, (b) (5)

(b) (5)

As far as emails, Mr. Greenwald requested emails in a separate FOIA request (DODOIG-2023-000018), which is still pending with WRI.

Please let me know if this is okay with the FOIA office.

BREAK

I will be on leave starting in the next 30 minutes, until Tuesday, October 18th; but (b) (6) will be on the lookout for any questions your office

Very Respectfully,

(b) (6)

Investigative Support Specialist
Whistleblower Reprisal Investigations
Department of Defense
Office of Inspector General
4800 Mark Center Drive
Alexandria, VA 22350-1500
Work #: (b) (6)
Email: (b) (6)@dodig.mil

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Distribution/Dissemination Controls: FED CON
POC: (b) (6)

CUI

-----Original Message-----

From: Slutzkin, Searle, OIG DoD (b) (6)@DODIG.MIL>
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2022 8:01 AM
To: (b) (6), OIG DoD (b) (6)@DODIG.MIL>

Cc: Powers, Eric, OIG DoD (b) (6) @DODIG.MIL>


Subject: FOIA Request DODOIG-2023-000010

Importance: High

Good Morning (b) (6),

This email pertains to DODOIG-2023-000010, which is John Greenwald's FOIA request for a copy of the video and/or audio of Mr. Luis Elizondo's interview with Whistleblower Reprisal Investigations that occurred on, or around, May 19, 2021, a transcript of the interview, and all internal notes, communications, and emails about the interview.

(b) (5)



I appreciate your assistance with this. Please let me know if you have any questions, or need any additional information from me.

Thank you,
Searle

Searle Slutzkin
Division Chief
FOIA, Privacy and Civil Liberties Office

Office of Inspector General
Department of Defense

(b) (6)

Department of Defense Office of Inspector General Freedom of Information Act
(FOIA) Search Tasking Response

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10/04/2022

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Sub-Component:

WRI

POC Name:

(b) (6)

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DCATS

Computer Hard Drives/Shared Drives Searched:

Emails Searched:

Paper Files/Other Records Searched:

Search Terms Used:

A search was conducted using DCATS for Luis Elizondo, his interview by WRI team dated May 19, 2021 and any emails pertaining to the interview.

Comments:

WRI located DCATS 20210505-071182-CASE-02 with the transcription, emails, and notes of communication regarding the interview. Items uploaded on G-drive. (b) (5) (b) (5) Also, contacted the IO on the case for any internal notes regarding any communication on the interview; no other notes was taken.

Results:

No Records Located

Records Provided

Other Provide Comment

Name:

(b) (6)

Position/Title:

ISS/(b) (6)

Phone Number:

(b) (6)

Search Start Date:

10/23/2022

Search End Date:

10/23/2022

Total Search Time:

40 mins

Department of Defense Office of Inspector General Freedom of Information Act (EOIA) Search Tasking Response

Case Number:

DODOIG-2023-000010

Request Date:

10/04/2022

Component:

AI

Sub-Component:

WRI

POC Name:

(b) (6)

Systems Searched:

DCATS

Computer Hard Drives/Shared Drives Searched:

Emails Searched:

Paper Files/Other Records Searched:

Search Terms Used:

A search was conducted using DCATS and the assistance of the Record Management Officer for the Bio for (b) (6) and CEW, CL and incoming complaint documents.

Comments:

WRI located records for 20210505-071182-CASE-02 and uploaded on G:Drive.

Results:

No Records Located

Records Provided

Other Provide Comment

Name:

(b) (6)

Position/Title

ISS (b) (6)

Phone Number:

(b) (6)

Search Start Date:

12/01/2022

Search End Date:

12/01/2022

Total Search Time:

60 mins

Jenkins, Toni., OIG DoD

From: (b) (6) OIG DoD
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 10:38 AM
To: Slutzkin, Searle, OIG DoD; (b) (6) OIG DoD; (b) (6) OIG DoD; (b) (6)
(b) (6), OIG DoD; Zola, Michael C., OIG DoD
Cc: Dorgan, Mark J., OIG DoD; Kasper, Joseph D., OIG DoD
Subject: RE: FOIA Release Notification: DODOIG-2023-000010; -000018; and -000019

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Thank you Searle!

Very Respectfully,

(b) (6)

Office of Legislative Affairs and Communications
DoD Office of Inspector General
(b) (6)

-----Original Message-----

From: Slutzkin, Searle, OIG DoD (b) (6) @DODIG.MIL>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 10:36 AM
To: (b) (6), OIG DoD <(b) (6) @DODIG.MIL>; (b) (6) OIG DoD (b) (6) @DODIG.MIL>; (b) (6) OIG DoD <(b) (6) @DODIG.MIL>; (b) (6), OIG DoD (b) (6) @DODIG.MIL>
Cc: Dorgan, Mark J., OIG DoD (b) (6) @DODIG.MIL>; Kasper, Joseph D., OIG DoD (b) (6) @DODIG.MIL>
Subject: FOIA Release Notification: DODOIG-2023-000010; -000018; and -000019
Importance: High

Good Morning,

We received FOIA requests from Mr. John Greenewald (The Black Vault, Inc.) for the following records:

- A copy of the video and/or audio of Mr. Luis Elizondo's interview with Whistleblower Reprisal Investigations that occurred on, or around, May 19, 2021, a transcript of the interview, and all internal notes, communications, and emails about the interview;
- All emails within Whistleblower Reprisal Investigations which contain the word "Elizondo"; and

- All emails that are to/from (bcc'd or cc'd) the DoD OIG and attorney (b) (6), from January 1, 2020, to the date of processing the request.

Due to the interest in this subject and the requester's affiliation, we wanted to provide you with notification of our response to the requester. We anticipate providing our response, as attached, after 12pm on Thursday, February 9.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns, or need any additional information.

Thank you,
Searle Slutzkin
Division Chief
FOIA, Privacy and Civil Liberties Office

Office of Inspector General
Department of Defense

(b) (6)

Jenkins, Toni., OIG DoD

From: (b) (6) OIG DoD
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 10:39 AM
To: Slutzkin, Searle, OIG DoD; (b) (6) OIG DoD; (b) (6) ., OIG DoD; (b) (6) , OIG DoD
Cc: Dorgan, Mark J., OIG DoD; Kasper, Joseph D., OIG DoD
Subject: RE: FOIA Release Notification: DODOIG-2023-000010; -000018; and -000019

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Thank you very much for the notification!

(b) (5)

Best,
(b) (6)

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Thank you,
Searle Slutzkin
Division Chief
FOIA, Privacy and Civil Liberties Office

Office of Inspector General
Department of Defense

(b) (6)

Jenkins, Toni., OIG DoD

From: Kasper, Joseph D., OIG DoD
Sent: Thursday, February 9, 2023 12:45 PM
To: WHS MC-ALEX ESD Mailbox OSD-JS FOIA Requester Service Center
Cc: Kasper, Joseph D., OIG DoD
Subject: FOIA Referral to OSD/JS (DODOIG-2023-000010/18/19) – Greenwald, John
Attachments: 20221004 - FOIA Req 23-000010.pdf; 20221011 - FOIA Req 23-000018.pdf; 20221011 - FOIA Req 23-000019.pdf; OSD Referral Documents (DODOIG-2023-000010).pdf; OSD Referral (DODOIG-2023-000010).pdf
Signed By: (b) (6) @dodig.mil

Good afternoon,

The attached documents, totaling five pages, originated with or are of primary interest to your office. Accordingly, we are referring the documents to your office for processing and direct response to the requester. The requester will be notified of this referral. A copy of the requesters initial FOIA requests are attached for your information. We combined his FOIA requests because he submitted three requests for similar information. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 703-604-9775 or at (b) (6) @dodig.mil.

JOSEPH KASPER
Government Information Specialist
Freedom of Information, Privacy and Civil Liberties Office (Suite 10B24)
Office of the Inspector General
Department of Defense

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ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22350-1500

February 9, 2023
Ref: DODOIG-2023-000010
DODOIG-2023-000018
DODOIG-2023-000019

SENT VIA EMAIL TO: whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.osd-js-foia-requester-service-center@mail.mil

MEMORANDUM FOR OSD/JS FOIA REQUESTER SERVICE CENTER,
ATTN: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION DIVISION
1155 DEFENSE PENTAGON
WASHINGTON DC 20301-1155

SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Referral – Greenwald, John

The attached documents, totaling five pages, originated with or are of primary interest to your office. Accordingly, we are referring the documents to your office for processing and direct response to the requester. The requester will be notified of this referral. A copy of the requester's initial FOIA requests are attached for your information. We combined his FOIA requests because he submitted three requests for similar information. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 703-604-9775 or at **(b) (6)** [@dodig.mil](mailto:(b) (6) @dodig.mil).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph Kasper".

JOSEPH KASPER
Government Information Specialist
FOIA, Privacy and Civil Liberties Office

Attachment(s):
As stated.

DODOIG-2023-000010 request Details

Due Date: 11/02/2022 Clock Days: 86Backlogged

Requester Information

Requester	Mr. John Greenewald	Tracking Number	DODOIG-2023-000010
Organization	The Black Vault	Submitted Date	10/04/2022
Requester Has Account	Yes	Received Date	10/04/2022
Email Address	john@greenewald.com	Perfected Date	10/04/2022
Phone Number	8004562228	Last Assigned Date	11/07/2022
Fax Number	8186597688	Assigned To	Joseph Kasper (Department of Defense Office of Inspector General)
Address	27305 W. Live Oak Rd. Suite #1203	Last Assigned By	Searle Slutzkin (Department of Defense Office of Inspector General)
City	Castaic	Request Track	Complex
State/Province	CA	Fee Limit	\$25.00
Zip Code/Postal Code	91384		

Closure Information

Closed Date	02/09/2023	Exemptions Used	Ex. 3,
Disposition	Partial Grant/Partial Denial		Ex. 5,
"Other" Disposition			Ex. 6,
			Ex. 7(C)
		Statutes Used	P.L. 95-452 (Inspector General Act of 1978, Sec 7(b),

Request Handling

Requester Info Available to the Public	No
Request Track	Complex
Fee Category	Media
Fee Waiver Requested	No
Fee Waiver Status	
Expedited Processing Requested	No
Expedited Processing Status	

Request Type	FOIA
Request Perfected	Yes
Perfected Date	10/04/2022
Acknowledgement Sent Date	10/05/2022
Unusual Circumstances	No
Litigation	No
Court Docket Number	
5 Day Notifications?	No

Description

Long Description

To whom it may concern, This is a non-commercial request made under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 5 U.S.C. S 552. My FOIA requester status as a "representative of the news media." I am a freelance television producer, with credits listed at: <https://www.imdb.com/name/nm1825298/> I am often working on documentaries related to my FOIA requests, and frequently write articles based on the FOIA documents I receive. They are read on my own high traffic website (25,000+ people daily log on, on average) called The Black Vault (www.theblackvault.com), and those articles are OFTEN covered via the mainstream media, and cited as the source. Here are just some of the recent mainstream article that have covered my work, both highlighting my original articles written, along with profiling the documents I have received via FOIA: <https://news.google.com/search?q=The%20Black%20Vault&hl=en-US&gl=US&ceid=US%3Aen> I prefer electronic delivery of the requested material either via email to john@greenewald.com, FAX 1-818-659-7688 or via CD-ROM or DVD via postal mail. Please contact me should this FOIA request should incur a charge. Please refer to the FOIA release for DODOIG-2022-000546. In this package of information, it was revealed that on, or around, May 19, 2021, Luis Elizondo and his attorney were interviewed by the Whistleblower Reprisal Investigations team for DoD/OIG. In addition, it was revealed that this interview was recorded and transcribed. I respectfully request a copy of the video and/or audio of this interview, as stated that it would be recorded. In addition, I ask that the transcript of this interview also be provided as responsive to this request. In addition, I ask that you include all internal notes and communications about this interview. I agree to let the FOIA action officer use their best judgement on what emails to search (as likely the identity itself will be redacted), but would ask that you include all internal emails that pertain to this specific interview. Thank you for your time and consideration. Thank you so much for your time, and I am very much looking forward to your response. Sincerely, John Greenewald, Jr. 27305 W. Live Oak Rd. Suite #1203 Castaic, Ca. 91384 FAX 1-818-659-7688

Has Description Been Modified

No

Description Available to the Public

No

Short Description

Additional Information

Type of Records Requested	QWRI
Report Number	N/A
Report Name	N/A
Case Number	N/A
Limit Request to Clearly Releasable Info	N/A
Cross Reference Cases	N/A

Attached Supporting Files

Attachments Available to the Public?
No

Attached File Name

Size (MB)

File Type

No supporting files have been uploaded.

Appeals

Tracking Number	Appeal Date	Appellant	Phase	Notification
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No appeals have been created.

Consultations

Tracking Number	Consulted Agency	Created By	Consultation Date	Due Date	Phase
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No consultations have been created.

Correspondence to Requester

Subject	From	To	Date
FOIA Request DODOIG-2023-000010 Submitted	System	Mr. John Greenewald	10/04/2022

This message is to confirm your request submission to the FOIAonline application: [View Request](#). Request information is as follows:

- Tracking Number: DODOIG-2023-000010
- Requester Name: Mr. John Greenewald
- Date Submitted: 10/04/2022
- Request Status: Submitted
- Description: To whom it may concern,

This is a non-commercial request made under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 5 U.S.C. S 552. My FOIA requester status as a "representative of the news media." I am a freelance television producer, with credits listed at: <https://www.imdb.com/name/nm1825298/> I am often working on documentaries related to my FOIA requests, and frequently write articles based on the FOIA documents I receive. They are read on my own high traffic website (25,000+ people daily log on, on average) called The Black Vault (www.theblackvault.com), and those articles are OFTEN covered via the mainstream media, and cited as the source. Here are just some of the recent mainstream article that have covered my work, both highlighting my original articles written, along with profiling the documents I have received via FOIA: <https://news.google.com/search?q=The%20Black%20Vault&hl=en-US&gl=US&ceid=US%3Aen>

I prefer electronic delivery of the requested material either via email to john@greenewald.com, FAX 1-

818-659-7688 or via CD-ROM or DVD via postal mail. Please contact me should this FOIA request should incur a charge.

Please refer to the FOIA release for DODOIG-2022-000546. In this package of information, it was revealed that on, or around, May 19, 2021, Luis Elizondo and his attorney were interviewed by the Whistleblower Reprisal Investigations team for DoD/OIG. In addition, it was revealed that this interview was recorded and transcribed.

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Suite #1203
Castaic, Ca. 91384
FAX 1-818-659-7688

Final Disposition, Request DODOIG-2023-000010

Joseph Kasper

(UNSENT)

02/09/2023

DODOIG-2023-000010 has been processed with the following final disposition: Partial Grant/Partial Denial.

Other Correspondence

Attached File	File Type	Size (MB)
No correspondence has been created.		

Fee Estimates

Current Estimate Total	\$0
Date Estimate Sent to Requester	N/A
Estimate Required for Payment	N/A

Invoices

Sent	Title	Invoice Date	Amount
No	DODOIG-2023-000010 Invoice-20230209125134602.pdf	02/09/2023	\$0

Total Amount Billed Which Has Been Sent To Requester \$0.00

Payments

Date	Amount	Type	Total Amount Paid	Total Amount Owed
No payments have been added.			\$0.00	\$0.00

Case Responsive Records

Publish Options:

UU - Unredacted - Unreleaseable
RU - Redacted - Unreleasable

UR - Unredacted - Releaseable to the General Public
RR - Redacted - Releaseable to the General Public
REQ - Release to Requester Only

Release Type	Title	User	Date/Time	Exemptions	Release Date
RU - Redacted - Unreleasable	Placeholder	Joseph Kasper	02/09/2023 12:53 PM	Ex. 3,Ex. 5,Ex. 6,Ex. 7(C)	N/A
Type	Binary File (Octet Stream)		Retention	6 Year	
Size (MB)	N/A		Referred to Non-Participating Agency	No	
Exemption 3 Statutes	P.L. 95-452 (Inspector General Act of 1978, Sec 7(b),				
Exemption 5 Subtypes	Deliberative Process Privilege				

Restricted Materials

Attached File Name	Size (MB)	File Type	User	Actual Agency	Date/Time
No restricted materials have been added.					

Existing Admin Costs

Date	User Name	Charge Type	Hours/Quantity	Rate	Billable?	Total
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No cost entries have been added.

Fee Category: Media

Total: \$0.00

Invoice Amount: \$0.00

Assigned Tasks

Outcome	Task Type	Assigned To	Assigned By	Submitted Date	Due Date	Closed Date	Notification	Justification
Records Uploaded	Search Pending	(b) (6)	Eric Powers	10/05/2022	10/19/2022	2022-10-11T04:00:00.000Z	Yes	
Description		<p>1. Please review the request and conduct a search only for documents responsive to this request. NOTE: please only search records in your office, section, etc. If records are located in other offices that do not fall under your purview, please let us know, and we will send the request, directly.</p> <p>2. PLEASE UTILIZED THE SEARCH TASKING FORM TO RECORD YOUR SEARCH RESPONSE(S): In your response, please specify: (1) WHERE you searched for responsive records (e.g., which databases, electronic file(s), folders, etc.) and (2) what SEARCH TERMS you used to conduct your search. This information is necessary to respond to challenges on appeal and in litigation.</p> <p>PLEASE DO NOT UPLOAD ANY RECORDS ON FOIAONLINE. PLEASE UPLOAD YOUR RESPONSIVE RECORDS IN YOUR RESPECTIVE G DRIVE FOLDER</p> <p>NOTE: This search tasking is considered incomplete until both items 1 and 2 have been answered.</p>						
Comments		A search was conducted using DCATS for Luis Elizondo and his interview by WRI team dated May 19, 2021. WRI located DCATS 20210505-071182-CASE-02 with the interview and uploaded on G-drive. (b) (5)						
Other	Review	Mark Dorgan	Searle Slutzkin	01/27/2023	02/03/2023	2023-02-03T05:00:00.000Z	No	
Description		Mark, I have completed my review of the documents responsive to this request and I am seeking your feedback on our proposed release (this response will also close 2023-000018 and 2023-000019). The two review packets are saved in the IDA subfolder of the case folder on the S-Drive (titled "SS Initial Review (1-27-2023)"). Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thanks! - Searle						
Comments		MD - Records reviewed on shared drive.						
Completed	Final Disposition Notice	Joseph Kasper	Joseph Kasper	02/09/2023	02/09/2023	2023-02-09T05:00:00.000Z	No	
Comments		N/A						
Other	Review	Searle Slutzkin	Joseph Kasper	01/09/2023	01/13/2023	2023-01-23T05:00:00.000Z	No	

Description JK. Received email attachments (75 pages). Applied withholdings. I also reviewed the comments you made on the initial set of responsible documents. I reviewed your comments and made changes as you recommended. We combined our response for 2023-000010/18/19. The documents and the response letter are in the 2023-000010 IDA folder.

Comments SS 1/23/2023 - Initial IDA review of both packets completed. Returning case to AO for additional searching, if necessary, as the attachment cited on page 69 of the first packet still does not appear to be accounted for. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thanks!

Records Uploaded	Search Pending	(b) (6)	Joseph Kasper	01/23/2023	01/30/2023	2023-01- 26T05:00:00.000Z	No
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Description Good morning. Can you please locate and provide one more attachment? We would like to get the Weekly IG Report mentioned in the email below. I can email you the email in question if it will help your search. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sent: Thursday, July 8, 2021 2:51 PM

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

Subject: RE: Elizondo Status

(b) (6)

Thanks for the update. Attached is the weekly IG report that gets distributed to us all. Will let WRI leadership no that ISO Elizondo is still in the works.

v/r

(b) (6)

Whistleblower Reprisal Investigations Directorate
Department of Defense, Office of the Inspector General
4800 Mark Center Drive
Suite (b) (6), Office (b) (6)
Alexandria, VA 22350-1500

Comments A search was conducted using the Record Management Office to search the email dated July 8, 2021 from (b) (6) to (b) (6) regarding the Weekly IG Report that was mentioned in the email. WRI have located the requested document and uploaded on G:Drive. *Note (b) (6) and (b) (6) is no longer with WRI. Had to reach out to the Record Management office to do a thorough search in their emails to track down this document.

Other	Final Review	Searle Slutzkin	Eric Powers	10/05/2022	10/05/2022	2022-10- 05T04:00:00.000Z	No
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Description Ack ltr is ready for review.

Comments SS 10/5/2022 - Reviewed letter on S-Drive; letter is ready for signature.

Records Uploaded	Search Pending	(b) (6)	Searle Slutzkin	10/12/2022	10/26/2022	2022-10- 23T04:00:00.000Z	No
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Description 1. A FOIA request was submitted for a copy of the video and/or audio of Mr. Luis Elizondo's interview with Whistleblower Reprisal Investigations that occurred on, or around, May 19, 2021, a transcript of the interview, and all internal notes, communications, and emails about the interview (WRI has already provided copies of the transcript and notes pertaining to the interview). Please review the request and conduct a thorough search for any documents responsive to this request. NOTE: please only search records in your

component. If records are located in another component, please let us know and we will task that component directly.

2. Please utilize the OIG Search Tasking Form when providing your response(s). In your response, please specify (1) where you searched for responsive records (e.g. which databases, electronic file(s), folders, etc.); and (2) what search terms you used to conduct your search. This information is necessary to respond to challenges on appeal and in litigation.

NOTE: This search tasking is considered incomplete until both items 1 and 2 have been answered.

Please do not upload any records to FOIAonline. Please upload your responsive records to your component's FOIA folder on the G-Drive.

If you have any questions, please contact our office.

Comments A search was conducted using DCATS for Luis Elizondo, his interview by WRI team dated May 19, 2021, and any emails pertaining to the interview. WRI located DCATS 20210505-071182-CASE-02 with the transcription, emails, and notes of communication regarding the interview. Items uploaded on G-drive. (b) (5)
(b) (5) Also, contacted the IO on the case for any internal notes regarding any communication on the interview; no other notes was taken.

Records Search (b) (6) Joseph 11/17/2022 12/02/2022 2022-12- No
Uploaded Pending Kasper 01T05:00:00.000Z

Description Good morning. I'm processing the documents for this request and 2 of the emails mentioned attachments. Can you please provide the attachments? I'll send you an email with more information and the emails in question.
July 8, 2021 email mentions a weekly IG report.
Jun 29, 2021 email mentions a Bio for (b) (6) CEW, CL and incoming complaint documents.

Comments A search was conducted using DCATS and the assistance of the Record Management Officer for the Bio for (b) (6) and CEW, CL and incoming complaint documents. WRI located records for 20210505-071182-CASE-02 and uploaded on G:Drive.

Other Review Searle Joseph 02/07/2023 02/13/2023 2023-02- No
Slutzkin Kasper 07T05:00:00.000Z

Description Searle. Withholdings have been applied. Combined documents/attachments (101 total pages)- and drafted response letter. Prepared OSD/JS referral. Ready for IDA review and OIG notification process.

Comments SS 2/7/2023 - Signed response letter on S-Drive, and release notification forwarded to OLAC.

Other Review Searle Joseph 01/27/2023 02/02/2023 2023-02- No
Slutzkin Kasper 06T05:00:00.000Z

Description WRI provided the missing email attachment which is a spreadsheet that lists all the IG's and their current status. I added it to the document that has all the email attachments and responded to your note on the document.

Comments SS 2/6/2023 - IDA review completed. As per our discussion, please create final release

packet for OLAC notification and update the final response letter as necessary. We will also need to account for the few pages being referred to OSD. Once this is completed, please task back to me for final review in FOIAonline. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thanks!

Other	Review	Searle Slutzkin	Joseph Kasper	11/08/2022	11/15/2022	2022-11- 16T05:00:00.000Z	No
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Description	Combined documents from 2023-000010/18/19 for a total of 101 pages. 4 pages are not releasable, but I left them in the packet. I also drafted the response letter which incorporates all three requests.
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Comments	SS 11/16/2022 - Initial IDA review completed. Returning case to AO for additional sorting and processing (and searching, if necessary) of attachments mentioned in document packet (specifically those mentioned on pages 64 and 67). Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.
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Existing Comments (13)

Date Created	Last Edited On	User Name
2023-02-09T17:52:18.831Z	2023-02-09T17:52:18.831Z	Joseph Kasper
Comment	JK. Referral sent to OSD/JS. 5 pages. Referral letter and documents on shared drive.	
2022-11-07T17:25:28.175Z	2022-11-07T17:25:28.175Z	Joseph Kasper
Comment	47 pages and response letter ready for IDA review. 2023-000010/18/19 are all linked together under the same subject matter and similar documents.	
2022-10-11T13:57:58.702Z	2022-10-11T13:57:58.702Z	Eric Powers
Comment	<p>EP - WRI response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tracking Number: DODOIG-2023-000010• Task Type: Search Pending• Task Description: N/A• Assigned To: (b) (6)• Assigned By: Eric Powers• Created Date: 10/05/2022• Due Date: 10/19/2022• Closed Date: 10/11/2022• Outcome: Records Uploaded• Task Comments: A search was conducted using DCATS for Luis Elizondo and his interview by WRI team dated May 19, 2021. WRI located DCATS 20210505-071182-CASE-02 with the interview and uploaded on G-drive. (b) (5) <p>(b) (5)</p> <p>case is ready to be assigned.</p>	
2023-01-27T16:16:17.521Z	2023-01-27T16:16:17.521Z	Joseph Kasper
Comment	JK. WRI provided the missing email attachment which is a spreadsheet that lists all the IG's and their current status. I added it to the document that has all the email attachments and responded to your note on the document.	
2022-11-07T17:24:08.857Z	2022-11-07T17:24:08.857Z	Joseph Kasper
Comment	20221107 - 47 pages and response letter ready for IDA review.	
2022-10-31T17:39:29.273Z	2022-10-31T17:39:29.273Z	Searle Slutzkin
Comment	Joe, this request for records pertaining to a WRI interview is ready for processing. ECD - 11/28. Please note that not all records provided by WRI may be responsive. Please let me	

know if you have any questions or concerns. Thanks! - Searle

2023-02-07T14:19:38.402Z

2023-02-07T14:19:38.402Z

Joseph Kasper

Comment

JK. Withholdings applied. Combined documents/attachments (101 total pages)- and drafted response letter. Prepared OSD/JS referral. Ready for IDA review and OIG notification process.

2022-10-05T17:10:34.117Z

2022-10-05T17:10:34.117Z

Eric Powers

Comment

EP - Ack ltr was sent to the requester and a search request was sent to WRI.

2023-01-09T19:04:04.966Z

2023-01-09T19:04:04.966Z

Joseph Kasper

Comment

JK. Received email attachments (75 pages). Applied withholdings. I also reviewed the comments the IDA made on the initial set of responsible documents. I reviewed the IDA comments and made changes as you recommended. The documents and the response letter are in the IDA folder.

2023-02-09T17:53:00.254Z

2023-02-09T17:53:00.254Z

Joseph Kasper

Comment

JK. Combined response with 2023-000010/18/19.

2022-10-31T11:26:54.797Z

2022-10-31T11:26:54.797Z

Searle Slutzkin

Comment

SS 10/31/2022 - Additional documents provided by WRI on 10/23/2022. Case is ready for assignment.

2022-11-07T17:58:08.203Z

2022-11-07T17:58:08.203Z

Searle Slutzkin

Comment

SS 11/7/2022 - Joe, assigning this case back to you for further sorting as per our discussion. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thanks!

2022-10-12T16:36:19.071Z

2022-10-12T16:36:19.071Z

Searle Slutzkin

Comment

SS 10/12/2022 - Reassigning case to the ASR queue as additional searching of WRI is necessary. Sent new search tasker to WRI.

Assigned Reviewers

Review Order

Review Outcome

Assigned Reviewer

Review Date

No reviewers have been assigned.

Department of Defense Office of Inspector General Freedom of Information Act
(FOIA) Search Tasking Response

Case Number:

DODOIG-2023-000018

Request Date:

10/11/2022

Component:

AI

Sub Component:

WRI

POC Name:

(b) (6)

Systems Searched:

DCATS

Computer Hard Drives/Shared Drives Searched:

Emails Searched:

Paper Files/Other Records Searched:

Search Terms Used:

A search was conducted using DCATS for all WRI emails with attachments for Luis Elizondo.

Comments:

WRI located DCATS 20210505-071182-CASE-02 for all emails and attachments. All items uploaded on G: Drive

Results:

No Records Located

Records Provided

Other
Provide Comment

Name:

(b) (6)

Position/Title:

ISS (b) (6)

Phone Number:

(b) (6)

Search Start Date:

10/23/2022

Search End Date:

10/23/2022

Total Search Time:

30 mins

DODOIG-2023-000018 request Details

Due Date: 11/08/2022 Clock Days: 82 Backlogged

Requester Information

Requester	Mr. John Greenewald	Tracking Number	DODOIG-2023-000018
Organization	The Black Vault	Submitted Date	10/08/2022
Requester Has Account	Yes	Received Date	10/11/2022
Email Address	john@greenewald.com	Perfected Date	10/11/2022
Phone Number	8004562228	Last Assigned Date	11/07/2022
Fax Number	8186597688	Assigned To	Joseph Kasper (Department of Defense Office of Inspector General)
Address	27305 W. Live Oak Rd. Suite #1203	Last Assigned By	Searle Slutzkin (Department of Defense Office of Inspector General)
City	Castaic	Request Track	Complex
State/Province	CA	Fee Limit	\$15.00
Zip Code/Postal Code	91384		

Closure Information

Closed Date	02/09/2023	Exemptions Used	Ex. 3,
Disposition	Partial Grant/Partial Denial		Ex. 5,
"Other" Disposition			Ex. 6,
			Ex. 7(C)
		Statutes Used	P.L. 95-452 (Inspector General Act of 1978, Sec 7(b),

Request Handling

Requester Info Available to the Public	No
Request Track	Complex
Fee Category	Media
Fee Waiver Requested	No
Fee Waiver Status	
Expedited Processing Requested	No
Expedited Processing Status	

Request Type	FOIA
Request Perfected	Yes
Perfected Date	10/11/2022
Acknowledgement Sent Date	10/11/2022
Unusual Circumstances	No
Litigation	No
Court Docket Number	
5 Day Notifications?	No

Description

Long Description

To whom it may concern, This is a non-commercial request made under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 5 U.S.C. S 552. My FOIA requester status as a "representative of the news media." I am a freelance television producer, with credits listed at: <https://www.imdb.com/name/nm1825298/> I am often working on documentaries related to my FOIA requests, and frequently write articles based on the FOIA documents I receive. They are read on my own high traffic website (25,000+ people daily log on, on average) called The Black Vault (www.theblackvault.com), and those articles are OFTEN covered via the mainstream media, and cited as the source. Here are just some of the recent mainstream article that have covered my work, both highlighting my original articles written, along with profiling the documents I have received via FOIA: <https://news.google.com/search?q=The%20Black%20Vault&hl=en-US&gl=US&ceid=US%3Aen> I prefer electronic delivery of the requested material either via email to john@greenewald.com, FAX 1-818-659-7688 or via CD-ROM or DVD via postal mail. Please contact me should this FOIA request should incur a charge. I respectfully request a copy of ALL EMAILS within the Whistleblower Reprisal Investigations division, which contain the word "ELIZONDO." To clarify the scope of this keyword, this would be regarding former DoD employee / counterintelligence agent LUIS ELIZONDO. So, should any other responsive records come up that do not pertain to Luis "Lue" Elizondo, I am happy to have those omitted from the request. I ask that you search for all emails within the Whistleblower Reprisal Investigations division/unit, and also include ALL ATTACHMENTS should any be found within the emails. Lastly, I ask that all classified and unclassified records are sought from pertinent systems. Thank you so much for your time, and I am very much looking forward to your response. Sincerely, John Greenewald, Jr. 27305 W. Live Oak Rd. Suite #1203 Castaic, Ca. 91384 FAX 1-818-659-7688

Has Description Been Modified

No

Description Available to the Public

No

Short Description

Additional Information

Type of Records Requested	N/A
Report Number	N/A
Report Name	N/A
Case Number	N/A
Limit Request to Clearly Releasable Info	N/A
Cross Reference Cases	N/A
Request Summary	N/A

Attached Supporting Files

Attached Supporting Files

Attachments Available to the Public?

No

Attached File Name	Size (MB)	File Type
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No supporting files have been uploaded.

Appeals

Tracking Number	Appeal Date	Appellant	Phase	Notification
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No appeals have been created.

Consultations

Tracking Number	Consulted Agency	Created By	Consultation Date	Due Date	Phase
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No consultations have been created.

Correspondence to Requester

Subject	From	To	Date
Final Disposition, Request DODOIG-2023-000018	Joseph Kasper	(UNSENT)	02/09/2023

DODOIG-2023-000018 has been processed with the following final disposition: Partial Grant/Partial Denial.

FOIA Request DODOIG-2023-000018 Submitted	System	Mr. John Greenewald	10/08/2022
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This message is to confirm your request submission to the FOIAonline application: [View Request](#). Request information is as follows:

- Tracking Number: DODOIG-2023-000018
- Requester Name: Mr. John Greenewald
- Date Submitted: 10/08/2022
- Request Status: Submitted
- Description: To whom it may concern,

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Suite #1203
Castaic, Ca. 91384
FAX 1-818-659-7688

Other Correspondence

Attached File

File Type

Size (MB)

No correspondence has been created.

Fee Estimates

Current Estimate Total \$0
Date Estimate Sent to Requester N/A
Estimate Required for Payment N/A

Invoices

Sent	Title	Invoice Date	Amount
No	DODOIG-2023-000018 Invoice-20230209125604260.pdf	02/09/2023	\$0

**Total Amount Billed Which Has
Been Sent To Requester** \$0.00

Payments

Date	Amount	Type	Total Amount Paid	\$0.00
			Total Amount Owed	\$0.00

No payments have been added.

Case Responsive Records

Publish Options:

UU - Unredacted - Unreleaseable
RU - Redacted - Unreleasable

UR - Unredacted - Releaseable to the General Public
RR - Redacted - Releaseable to the General Public
REQ - Release to Requester Only

Release Type	Title	User	Date/Time	Exemptions	Release Date
RU - Redacted - Unreleasable	Placeholder	Joseph Kasper	02/09/2023 12:56 PM	Ex. 3,Ex. 5,Ex. 6,Ex. 7(C)	N/A
Type	Binary File (Octet Stream)		Retention	6 Year	
Size (MB)	N/A		Referred to Non-Participating Agency	No	
Exemption 3 Statutes	P.L. 95-452 (Inspector General Act of 1978, Sec 7(b),				
Exemption 5 Subtypes	Deliberative Process Privilege				

Restricted Materials

Attached File Name	Size (MB)	File Type	User	Actual Agency	Date/Time
No restricted materials have been added.					

Existing Admin Costs

Date	User Name	Charge Type	Hours/Quantity	Rate	Billable?	Total
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No cost entries have been added.

Fee Category: Media

Total: \$0.00

Invoice Amount: \$0.00

Assigned Tasks

Outcome	Task Type	Assigned To	Assigned By	Submitted Date	Due Date	Closed Date	Notification	Justifi
Records Uploaded	Search Pending	(b) (6)	Eric Powers	10/11/2022	10/25/2022	2022-10-23T04:00:00.000Z	Yes	

Description

1. Please review the request and conduct a search only for documents responsive to this request. NOTE: please only search records in your office, section, etc. If records are located in other offices that do not fall under your purview, please let us know, and we will send the request, directly.

2. PLEASE UTILIZED THE SEARCH TASKING FORM TO RECORD YOUR SEARCH RESPONSE(S): In your response, please specify: (1) WHERE you searched for responsive records (e.g., which databases, electronic file(s), folders, etc.) and (2) what SEARCH TERMS you used to conduct your search. This information is necessary to respond to challenges on appeal and in litigation.

PLEASE DO NOT UPLOAD ANY RECORDS ON FOIAONLINE. PLEASE UPLOAD YOUR RESPONSIVE RECORDS IN YOUR RESPECTIVE G DRIVE FOLDER

NOTE: This search tasking is considered incomplete until both items 1 and 2 have been answered.

Comments

A search was conducted using DCATS for all WRI emails with attachments for Luis Elizondo. WRI located DCATS 20210505-071182-CASE-02 for all emails and attachments. All items uploaded on G:Drive

Completed	Final Disposition Notice	Joseph Kasper	Joseph Kasper	02/09/2023	02/09/2023	2023-02-09T05:00:00.000Z	No	
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Comments

N/A

Existing Comments (7)

Date Created	Last Edited On	User Name
2022-11-07T17:26:19.935Z	2022-11-07T17:26:19.935Z	Joseph Kasper
Comment	JK. 38 pages and response letter ready for IDA review. 2023-000010/18/19 are all linked together under the same subject matter and similar documents.	
2022-10-25T16:20:08.630Z	2022-10-25T16:20:08.630Z	Eric Powers
Comment	EP - WRI response: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tracking Number: DODOIG-2023-000018• Task Type: Search Pending• Task Description: N/A• Assigned To: (b) (6)• Assigned By: Eric Powers• Created Date: 10/11/2022• Due Date: 10/25/2022• Closed Date: 10/23/2022• Outcome: Records Uploaded• Task Comments: A search was conducted using DCATS for all WRI emails with attachments for Luis Elizondo. WRI located DCATS 20210505-071182-CASE-02 for all emails and attachments. All items uploaded on G:Drive case is ready to be assigned.	
2022-10-11T17:19:08.146Z	2022-10-11T17:19:08.146Z	Eric Powers
Comment	EP - Ack ltr was sent to the requester and a search request was sent to WRI.	
2023-02-09T17:55:34.749Z	2023-02-09T17:55:34.749Z	Joseph Kasper
Comment	JK. Combined response with 2023-000010/18/19.	
2022-11-07T17:58:35.722Z	2022-11-07T17:58:35.722Z	Searle Slutzkin
Comment	SS 11/7/2022 - Joe, assigning this case back to you for further sorting as per our discussion. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thanks!	
2022-11-07T17:26:46.185Z	2022-11-07T17:26:46.185Z	Joseph Kasper
Comment	38 pages and response letter ready for IDA review. 2023-000010/18/19 are all linked together under the same subject matter and similar documents.	
2022-10-25T18:05:30.314Z	2022-10-25T18:05:30.314Z	Mark Dorgan

Comment

MD - Joe, this request for WRI records related to Elizondo is ready for processing. ECD - 12/23.

Assigned Reviewers

Review Order

Review Outcome

Assigned Reviewer

Review Date

No reviewers have been assigned.

From: [Slutzkin, Searle, OIG DoD](#)
To: [Powers, Eric, OIG DoD](#)
Subject: RE: [URL Verdict: Neutral][Non-DoD Source] RE: DODOIG-2023-000019 - DODOIG-2023-000022
Date: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 12:52:09 PM

Eric,

Thank you. Can you please make a note in FOIAonline for each relevant case and save a copy of your email to each case file?

Searle

Searle Slutzkin
Division Chief
FOIA, Privacy and Civil Liberties Office

Office of Inspector General
Department of Defense
(b) (6)

-----Original Message-----

From: Powers, Eric, OIG DoD (b) (6) @DODIG.MIL>
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 1:48 PM
To: Slutzkin, Searle, OIG DoD (b) (6) @DODIG.MIL>
Subject: FW: [URL Verdict: Neutral][Non-DoD Source] RE: DODOIG-2023-000019 - DODOIG-2023-000022

Searle,

FYI, see below.

v/r

ERIC R. POWERS
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Department of Defense Office of Inspector General Freedom of Information Act
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Alexandria, VA 22350-1500

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-----Original Message-----

From: john@greenewald.com <john@greenewald.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 12:46 PM
To: Powers, Eric, OIG DoD (b) (6) @DODIG.MIL>
Subject: [URL Verdict: Neutral][Non-DoD Source] RE: DODOIG-2023-000019 - DODOIG-2023-000022

Hello Mr. Powers,

I would like to say generally. I believe the responsive records would not be voluminous.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

John Greenewald, Jr.
CEO - The Black Vault, Inc.
<https://www.theblackvault.com>
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Castaic, CA 91384-4520

-----Original Message-----

From: Powers, Eric, OIG DoD (b) (6) @DODIG.MIL>
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 10:05 AM
To: john@greenewald.com
Subject: Ref: DODOIG-2023-000019 - DODOIG-2023-000022

Dear Mr. Greenewald,

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Department of Defense Office of Inspector General Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Search Tasking Response

Case Number:

DODOIG-2023-000019/

Request Date:

10/28/2022

Component:

Sub Component:

POC Name:

Systems Searched:

ZL Archives and the OIG Exchange

Computer Hard Drives/Shared Drives Searched:

Emails Searched:

DoDOIG and

(b) (6)

(b) (6) @mail.mil

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Paper Files/Other Records Searched:

Search Terms Used:

no search terms submitted

Comments:

time frame: 1/1/20 - 10/11/2022; 5/1/21-12/31/21
Were able to locate emails on the NIPR however, the INFRA team checked the SIPR for any emails and failed to locate any records.

Results:

No Records Located

Records Provided

Other
Provide Comment

Name:

(b) (6)

Position/Title

Information Governance

Phone Number:

(b) (6)

Search Start Date:

10/12/2022

Search End Date:

10/28/2022

Total Search Time:

2 wks

Jenkins, Toni., OIG DoD

From: (b) (6), OIG DoD
Sent: Friday, October 28, 2022 7:41 AM
To: Stone, Derrica, OIG DoD
Cc: Powers, Eric, OIG DoD
Subject: RE: FOIA DODOIG-2023-000019-22
Attachments: OIG FOIA Search Tasking Sheet (2023-000019) - greenewald.pdf

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Morning,

I completed the searches listed below (DODOIG 2023-000019/22). I also completed the FOIA Task Sheet for all 4 tasks, which I've attached to this email. I've closed out the taskers via FOIAOnline and uploaded the doc's to: G:\MST-CIO\IGD

Let me know if there is anything else I can do to assist.

-----Original Message-----

From: Powers, Eric, OIG DoD (b) (6) @DODIG.MIL>
Sent: Wednesday, October 26, 2022 12:40 PM
To: (b) (6), OIG DoD (b) (6) @DODIG.MIL>
Subject: RE: FOIA DODOIG-2023-000019-22

Good morning (b) (6)

No worries. I have extended the search tasker request until October 28, 2022, as requested.

v/r

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From: (b) (6), OIG DoD (b) (6) @DODIG.MIL>
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2022 2:15 PM
To: Slutzkin, Searle, OIG DoD (b) (6) @DODIG.MIL>; Powers, Eric, OIG DoD (b) (6) @DODIG.MIL>
Subject: FOIA DODOIG-2023-000019-22

Mr. Powers,

Can you give us an extension for the above listed FOIA's? The NIPR portion of the request is completed however, the exchange team would like a few days to ensure accuracy.

Can you extend this to Friday, the 28th? It will probably be completed prior to but, just to be sure.

v/r

Working Smarter Together to Manage Information

(b) (6)

Records Information Specialist
Information Governance Division

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Work Cell: (b) (6)

DODOIG-2023-000019 request Details

Due Date: 11/08/2022 Clock Days: 82Backlogged

Requester Information

Requester	Mr. John Greenewald	Tracking Number	DODOIG-2023-000019
Organization	The Black Vault	Submitted Date	10/08/2022
Requester Has Account	Yes	Received Date	10/11/2022
Email Address	john@greenewald.com	Perfected Date	10/11/2022
Phone Number	8004562228	Last Assigned Date	11/07/2022
Fax Number	8186597688	Assigned To	Joseph Kasper (Department of Defense Office of Inspector General)
Address	27305 W. Live Oak Rd. Suite #1203	Last Assigned By	Searle Slutzkin (Department of Defense Office of Inspector General)
City	Castaic	Request Track	Complex
State/Province	CA	Fee Limit	\$15.00
Zip Code/Postal Code	91384		

Closure Information

Closed Date	02/09/2023	Exemptions Used	Ex. 3, Ex. 5, Ex. 6, Ex. 7(C)
Disposition	Partial Grant/Partial Denial		
"Other" Disposition		Statutes Used	P.L. 95- 452 (Inspector General Act of 1978, Sec 7(b),

Request Handling

Requester Info Available to the Public No
Request Track Complex
Fee Category Media
Fee Waiver Requested No
Fee Waiver Status
Expedited Processing Requested No
Expedited Processing Status

Request Type FOIA
Request Perfected Yes
Perfected Date 10/11/2022
Acknowledgement Sent Date 10/11/2022
Unusual Circumstances No
Litigation No
Court Docket Number
5 Day Notifications? No

Description

Long Description

To whom it may concern, This is a non-commercial request made under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 5 U.S.C. S 552. My FOIA requester status as a "representative of the news media." I am a freelance television producer, with credits listed at: <https://www.imdb.com/name/nm1825298/> I am often working on documentaries related to my FOIA requests, and frequently write articles based on the FOIA documents I receive. They are read on my own high traffic website (25,000+ people daily log on, on average) called The Black Vault (www.theblackvault.com), and those articles are OFTEN covered via the mainstream media, and cited as the source. Here are just some of the recent mainstream article that have covered my work, both highlighting my original articles written, along with profiling the documents I have received via FOIA: <https://news.google.com/search?q=The%20Black%20Vault&hl=en-US&gl=US&ceid=US%3Aen> I prefer

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Has Description Been Modified

No

Description Available to the Public

No

Short Description

Additional Information

Type of Records Requested	QEMAIL
Report Number	N/A
Report Name	N/A
Case Number	N/A
Limit Request to Clearly Releasable Info	N/A
Cross Reference Cases	N/A
Request Summary	N/A

Attached Supporting Files

Attachments Available to the Public?
No

Attached File Name

Size (MB)

File Type

No supporting files have been uploaded.

Appeals

Tracking Number	Appeal Date	Appellant	Phase	Notification
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No appeals have been created.

Consultations

Tracking Number	Consulted Agency	Created By	Consultation Date	Due Date	Phase
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No consultations have been created.

Correspondence to Requester

Subject	From	To	Date
Final Disposition, Request DODOIG-2023-000019	Joseph Kasper	(UNSENT)	02/09/2023

DODOIG-2023-000019 has been processed with the following final disposition: Partial Grant/Partial Denial.

FOIA Request DODOIG-2023-000019 Submitted	System	Mr. John Greenewald	10/08/2022
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This message is to confirm your request submission to the FOIAonline application: [View Request](#). Request information is as follows:

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- Requester Name: Mr. John Greenewald
- Date Submitted: 10/08/2022
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Other Correspondence

Attached File	File Type	Size (MB)
No correspondence has been created.		

Fee Estimates

Current Estimate Total	\$0
Date Estimate Sent to Requester	N/A
Estimate Required for Payment	N/A

Invoices

Sent	Title	Invoice Date	Amount
No	DODOIG-2023-000019 Invoice-20230209130004811.pdf	02/09/2023	\$0

Total Amount Billed Which Has Been Sent To Requester \$0.00

Payments

Date	Amount	Type	Total Amount Paid	Total Amount Owed
				\$0.00
				\$0.00
No payments have been added.				

Case Responsive Records

Publish Options:

UU - Unredacted - Unreleasable

RU - Redacted - Unreleasable

UR - Unredacted - Releaseable to the General Public

RR - Redacted - Releaseable to the General Public

REQ - Release to Requester Only

Release Type	Title	User	Date/Time	Exemptions	Release Date
RU - Redacted - Unreleasable	Placeholder	Joseph Kasper	02/09/2023 01:02 PM	Ex. 3,Ex. 5,Ex. 6,Ex. 7(C)	N/A
Type	Binary File (Octet Stream)		Retention	6 Year	
Size (MB)	N/A		Referred to Non-Participating Agency	No	
Exemption 3 Statutes	P.L. 95-452 (Inspector General Act of 1978, Sec 7(b),				
Exemption 5 Subtypes	Deliberative Process Privilege				

Restricted Materials

Attached File Name	Size (MB)	File Type	User	Actual Agency	Date/Time
No restricted materials have been added.					

Existing Admin Costs

Date	User Name	Charge Type	Hours/Quantity	Rate	Billable?	Total
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No cost entries have been added.

Fee Category: Media

Total: \$0.00

Invoice Amount: \$0.00

Assigned Tasks

Outcome	Task Type	Assigned To	Assigned By	Submitted Date	Due Date	Closed Date	Notification	Justification
Records Uploaded	Search Pending	(b) (6)	Eric Powers	10/11/2022	10/28/2022	2022-10-28T04:00:00.000Z	Yes	
Description		<p>1. Please review the request and conduct a search only for documents responsive to this request. NOTE: please only search records in your office, section, etc. If records are located in other offices that do not fall under your purview, please let us know, and we will send the request, directly.</p> <p>2. PLEASE UTILIZED THE SEARCH TASKING FORM TO RECORD YOUR SEARCH RESPONSE(S): In your response, please specify: (1) WHERE you searched for responsive records (e.g., which databases, electronic file(s), folders, etc.) and (2) what SEARCH TERMS you used to conduct your search. This information is necessary to respond to challenges on appeal and in litigation.</p> <p>PLEASE DO NOT UPLOAD ANY RECORDS ON FOIAONLINE. PLEASE UPLOAD YOUR RESPONSIVE RECORDS IN YOUR RESPECTIVE G DRIVE FOLDER</p> <p>NOTE: This search tasking is considered incomplete until both items 1 and 2 have been answered.</p>						
Comments		Emails were found on the NIPR via ZL however, no records were found on classified systems.						
Other	Search Pending	(b) (6)	Eric Powers	10/11/2022	10/28/2022	2022-11-02T04:00:00.000Z	Yes	
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Comments		SS 11/2/2022 - Search tasking completed by IGD.						

Completed	Final Disposition Notice	Joseph Kasper	Joseph Kasper	02/09/2023	02/09/2023	2023-02- 09T05:00:00.000Z	No
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Comments	N/A
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Existing Comments (11)

Date Created	Last Edited On	User Name
2022-11-02T16:40:35.941Z	2022-11-02T16:40:35.941Z	Searle Slutzkin
Comment	Mark, IGD completed their search tasking and this request is ready for assignment. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thanks! - Searle	
2023-02-09T17:58:17.195Z	2023-02-09T17:58:17.195Z	Joseph Kasper
Comment	JK. Combined response with 2023-000010/18/19.	
2022-11-07T17:27:48.904Z	2022-11-07T17:27:48.904Z	Joseph Kasper
Comment	JK. 16 pages and response letter ready for IDA review. 2023-000010/18/19 are all linked together under the same subject matter and similar documents.	
2022-10-26T16:36:32.490Z	2022-10-26T16:36:32.490Z	Eric Powers
Comment	EP- IDG request an extension until Oct 28, 2022.	
2022-10-11T17:20:08.192Z	2022-10-11T17:20:08.192Z	Eric Powers
Comment	EP - Ack ltr was sent to the requester and a search request was sent to IDG.	
2022-11-03T12:53:40.836Z	2022-11-03T12:53:40.836Z	Mark Dorgan
Comment	MD - Searle, this request for emails is ready for assignment.	
2022-10-11T18:50:08.177Z	2022-10-11T18:50:08.177Z	Eric Powers
Comment	<p>EP - Response from the requester: Hello Mr. Powers,</p> <p>I would like to say generally. I believe the responsive records would not be voluminous.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>John Greenewald, Jr. CEO - The Black Vault, Inc. https://www.theblackvault.com</p>	

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2022-11-07T17:59:01.718Z

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Searle Slutzkin

Comment

SS 11/7/2022 - Joe, assigning this case back to you for further sorting as per our discussion. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thanks!

2022-10-11T18:49:15.204Z

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Eric Powers

Comment

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2022-11-07T17:28:46.920Z

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Joseph Kasper

Comment

16 pages and response letter ready for IDA review. 2023-000010/18/19 are all linked together under the same subject matter and similar documents.

2022-11-03T13:47:40.062Z

2022-11-03T13:47:40.062Z

Searle Slutzkin

Comment

Joe, this request for emails is ready for processing. ECD - 11/28. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thanks! - Searle

Assigned Reviewers

Review Order

Review Outcome

Assigned Reviewer

Review Date

No reviewers have been assigned.
