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October 28, 2021

Mr. John Greenewald, Jr.  
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This responds to your undated Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking information pertaining to Mr. John Edgar Hoover. Your request, along with documentation under the release authority of this Service, was referred to this office for processing by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It was received on October 12, 2021.

The processing of the referred documents is complete. Our review of these documents reveals that they contain personal identifiers (such as names and social security numbers) of third parties, the release of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Accordingly, we must partially deny your request and withhold this information pursuant to the FOIA provisions 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) and (b)(7)(C).

All releasable information is provided to you at enclosure (1), along with an enclosure explaining the various exemptions of the FOIA.

As the official responsible for the partial denial of your request, I am advising you of your right to appeal this determination. Your appeal must be postmarked within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter and should be addressed to the Secretary of the Navy's designee: Office of the Judge Advocate General, (Code 14), 1322 Patterson Avenue, S.E., Suite 3000, Washington Navy Yard, D.C. 20374-5066. The envelope and letter must bear the annotation "FOIA Appeal." A copy of your initial request and a copy of this partial denial letter must accompany the appeal.

If you choose not to appeal, you have the right to seek dispute resolution services. You may contact the Department of the Navy's FOIA public liaison, Mr. Chris Julka, at [christopher.a.julka@navy.mil](mailto:christopher.a.julka@navy.mil) or (703) 697-0031 or the Office of Government Information Services (<https://ogis.archives.gov/>).

There are no assessable fees associated with the processing of your request. Should you have any questions, please contact us at (571)305-9092 or via email at [ncis\\_foia@ncis.navy.mil](mailto:ncis_foia@ncis.navy.mil).

Sincerely,

K. RICHMAN  
Senior Associate Counsel  
Head, Government Information Sharing Unit

Encl: (1) Documents

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# ENCLOSURE

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## **Explanation of the Nine FOIA Exemptions**

The following is a list of FOIA exemptions which apply to Government information in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(b):

**(b)(1) EXEMPTION – Protects Classified Matters of National Defense or Foreign Policy.**

This exemption protects from disclosure national security information concerning the national defense or foreign policy, provided that it has been properly classified in accordance with the substantive and procedural requirements of an executive order.

**(b)(2) EXEMPTION – Internal Personnel Rules and Practices.**

This exemption exempts from mandatory disclosure records “related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency.” Courts have interpreted the exemption to encompass two distinct categories of information:

- (a) Internal matters of a relatively trivial nature – sometimes referred to as “low2” information: and

**(b)(3) EXEMPTION – Information Specifically Exempted by Other Statutes:**

This exemption incorporates the disclosure prohibitions that are contained in various other federal statutes. As originally enacted in 1966, Exemption 3 was broadly phrased so as to simply cover information “specifically exempted from disclosure by statute.” The new Exemption 3 statute prohibits agencies from releasing under the FOIA proposals, “unless that proposal” is set forth or incorporated by reference in a contract entered into between the agency and the contractor that submitted the proposal.”

**(b)(4) EXEMPTION – Trade Secrets Commercial or Financial Information.**

This exemption protects “trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person (this is) privileged or confidential.” This exemption is intended to protect the interest of both the government and submitter of information.

**(b)(5) EXEMPTION – Privileged Interagency or Intra-Agency Memoranda or Letters.**

This exemption protects “inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums of letters which would not be available by law to a party... in litigation with the agency.” As such, it has been construed to “exempt those documents, and only those documents, normally privileged in the civil discovery context.”

**(b)(6) EXEMPTION- Personal Information Affecting an Individual’s Privacy.**

This exemption permits the government to withhold all information about individuals in “personnel and medical files and similar files” when the disclosure of such information “would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.” This exemption cannot be invoked to withhold from a requester information pertaining to the requester.

**(b)(7) EXEMPTION – Investigatory Records Compiled for Law Enforcement Purposes.**

As amended, this exemption protects from disclosure “records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes.

EXEMPTION 7(A) Records of information that could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings. This exemption authorizes the withholding of “records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that production of such law enforcement records or information... could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings.”

EXEMPTION 7(B) Disclosure which would deprive a person of a fair trial or an impartial adjudication. Records that would prevent prejudicial pretrial publicity that could impair a proceeding, protect “records of information compiled for law enforcement purposes (the disclosure of which) would deprive a person of the right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication.”

EXEMPTION 7(C) Personal Information in Law Enforcement Records. This exemption provides protection for personal information in law enforcement records. This exemption is the law enforcement counterpart to Exemption 6, providing protection for law enforcement information the disclosure of which “could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.”

EXEMPTION 7(D) Identity of a Confidential Source. This exemption provides protection for “records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes (which) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source – including a State, local or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis – and, in the case of a record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source.”

EXEMPTION 7(E) Circumvention of the Law. This exemption affords protection to all law enforcement information which “would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigation or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law.”

EXEMPTION 7(F) Physical Safety to Protect a wide Range of individuals. This exemption permits the withholding of information necessary to protect the physical safety of a wide range of individuals. Whereas Exemption 7(F) previously protected records that “would... endanger the life or physical safety of law enforcement personnel.” The amended exemption provides protection to “any individual when disclosure of information about him or her “could reasonably be expected to endanger (his/her) life or physical safety.”

(b)(8) EXEMPTION – Records of Financial Institutions.

This exemption covers matters that are “contained in or related to examinations, operating, or condition reported prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions.”

(b)(9) EXEMPTION – Geographical and Geophysical Information Concerning Wells.

This exemption covers “geological and geophysical information and data, including maps concerning wells.”



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subj: Threatening Letter: Alleged Return Address (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Detroit,  
 Michigan

Encl: (1) Copy of Subject Letter and Envelope postmarked 10 November 1968

1. Subject letter was forwarded to Special Operations by (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) USN, (NIS-42) on 20 November 1968, for appropriate action.
2. On 20 November 1968, Special Agent (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) of the United States Secret Service was notified of Subject letter and subsequently was given custody of the original letter and envelope on 21 November 1968.
3. On 21 November 1968, Special Agent (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation was notified of Subject letter of which two copies have been made available to him.

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Special Agent, Naval Intelligence

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There are twenty gangs of gunmen in twenty different places waiting for a clear shot at Richard M. Nixon. Five gangs of gunmen are waiting for Agnew. When they kill Nixon and Agnew then they will kill all Republican Governors. Please inform Mr. J. Edgar Hoover that we are waiting for him and his pets ( F.B.I. ) in Detroit, Michigan. We want to show him how easy it is to kill F.B.I. agents.

American Freedom Corps

A.F.C.-C.I.O.

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