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Sent via email to: john@greenewald.com

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Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is our response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) referral from the OSD/JS FOIA office. Your original request was dated February 1, 2021 and forwarded to our office on October 25, 2021 under referral number 21-F-0511. Upon receipt your request was inputted into FOIA online and assigned FOA case tracking number DON-NAVY-2022-000883.

You requested: "Security Classification Guide" located within your agency, which pertain to any of the following: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP) Task Force or the "UAPTF" and/or "Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification program" or "AATIP" (also referred to as the "Advanced Aviation Threat Identification Program") and/or "Unidentified Flying Objects" or UFOs and/or "Unidentified Aerial Phenomena" or "UAPs"

In an effort to assist you, we consulted with the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Information Dominance (DCNO N2/N6) to conduct a search and locate any records responsive to your request.

N2N6 informed this office that they located one record totaling 10 pages. Upon review of the record it has been determined that some portions are denied under FOIA 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1), in accordance Executive Order 13526, Section 1.4 part (c) as it pertains to intelligence activities (including covert action), intelligence sources or methods, or cryptology.

It has also been determined that some portions are denied under FOIA 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) since release of this information would since release of this information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of individual's personal privacy, in this instance the names of third-party

individuals, and phone number were redacted. The remainder of the document is released to you.

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The Judge Advocate General (Code 14)
1322 Patterson Avenue SE, Suite 3000
Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066

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- b. A copy of your initial request;
- c. A copy of the letter of denial.

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DONFOIA-PA@NAVY. MIL

Questions regarding the action this office has taken during the processing of your request may be directed to our FOIA service center at (202) 685-0412 or via email at DONFOIA-PA@navy.mil, and reference the FOIA tracking numbers cited above.

Sincerely,

Gregory Cason

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Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon (UAP)

Security Classification Guide (SCG), ID# 04-030

Naval Intelligence Activity



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(U) SECTION 1 – IDENTIFYING DATA:

ID: 04-030

SU: Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon (UAP)

PR: Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI)

CA: Mr. Scott Bray, Director, Naval Intelligence Activity, Top Secret Original Classification Authority (OCA effective 17 June 2019)

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(U) SECTION 2 – GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. (U) Purpose: This classification guide is issued for the purpose of identifying specific topics of information associated with the Office of Naval Intelligence, Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon (UAP) Task Force that meet the standards and criteria for classification and protection in accordance with Executive Order (E.O.) 13526, "Classified National Security Information," as amended, and its implementing directives.

2. (U) Authority: This guide is issued under authority of SECNAV M-5510.36 and E.O. 13526, DoDM 5200.01 Volumes 1-4. This guide constitutes authority and may be cited as the basis for classification, regrading, or declassification of information and material involved in UAP collection and analysis. Changes in classification required by application of this guide shall be made immediately. Information identified in this guide for protection as classified information is classified by the Director, Naval Intelligence Activity, a TOP SECRET Original Classification Authority.

3. (U) Classification Challenges: If at any time security classification guidance contained herein is challenged or temporary markings of a higher classification are made, the items of information involved shall continue to be protected at the level prescribed by this guide until a formal decision by an appropriate authority is made. Classification challenges should be addressed to the PR, noted in Section 1 above.

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6. (U) Foreign Disclosure: Any disclosure to foreign officials of information classified by this guide shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in SECNAVINST 5510.34A and Department of the Navy Foreign Disclosure Manual of September 2007. If a country with which the DoD has entered into a reciprocal procurement memorandum of understanding or offset arrangement expresses an interest in this effort, a foreign disclosure review must be conducted prior to issuance of a solicitation.

7. (U) Definitions: Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon (UAP): Any aerial phenomenon that cannot be immediately identified.



8. (U) Classification Authority Block:

Classified By: Mr. Scott Bray, Director, Naval Intelligence Activity

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(U) SECTION 3 – OVERALL EFFORT:

1. **(U) Identification:** Where information pertaining to UAP has been obtained or developed through the use of classified sources or methods, the proper classification of a resultant item of information or material will be the highest classification set forth in either this classification guide, or the classification guide or guides applicable to the sources or methods used to obtain the UAP information or material. Accordingly, information about UAP designated herein as SECRET//REL FVEY may well be TOP SECRET//SCI//NOFORN due to the sources or methods through which the UAP information was collected. In those cases where the sources or methods used to acquire the UAP information or material would lead to a higher classification level, the applicable SCG pertaining to those sources or methods should be cited as the classification authority, not this guide.



3. **(U) Goal and Mission:** The mission of the task force is to detect, analyze, catalog, consolidate and exploit advanced non-traditional aerospace vehicles posing an operational threat to U.S. National Security and avoid strategic surprise.

4. **(U) End Item:**

TOPIC	CLASS	Dissemination Control	DECLASSON	REMARKS
REASON: All information in this section is classified per section 1.4(c) of E.O. 13526				
1. (U) Identification:				
1.a (U) The term Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon (UAP)	U	Not Applicable (N/A)	N/A	
1.b (U) The fact that Navy pilots, and other Department of the Navy (DON) personnel, have witnessed, and that certain DON technical systems have detected, at unspecified times and places, UAPs.	U	N/A	N/A	
1.c (U) The fact that the frequency of UAP sightings has increased in recent years, without any further information regarding when, where, or how often sightings have been reported.	U	N/A	N/A	
1.d (U) The fact that Navy has an ongoing effort to gain knowledge and insight into the nature and origins of UAPs, as well as their operations, capabilities, performance, and/or signatures.	U	N/A	N/A	
1.e (U) The fact that Naval Intelligence in general, and the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) in particular, has created a Task Force to gain knowledge and insight into the nature and origins of UAPs, as well as their operations, capabilities, performance, and/or signatures.	U	N/A	N/A	
2. (U) Goal, Mission, Purpose:				
2.a (U) The fact that the Task Forces mission is to detect, analyze, catalog, consolidate, and exploit non-traditional aerospace vehicles/UAP posing an operational threat to U.S. National Security and avoid strategic surprise.	U	N/A	N/A	



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3. (U) Intelligence Collection, Exploitation, Analysis and Products:		
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5. (U) Relationships:

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¹ As noted in Section 1, para. 8, where information pertaining to UAP has been obtained or developed through the use of classified sources or methods, the proper classification of a resultant item of information or material will be the highest classification or what is stated in this classification guide or the classification guide or guides applicable to the sources or methods used to obtain the UAP information or material. Accordingly, the classification level noted below may be incorrect if the source or method used to collect the information dictates a higher level of classification.

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