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Sent via email to: john@greenewald.com

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

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is a final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)/Privacy Act (PA) original request dated December 7, 2021. On February 23, 2022, to this office received a partial referral from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) FOIA Office, case number 22-HQ-F-00140 in which 127 pages of records were provided by NASA for a release determination and direct response to you. The referral was received in this office on February 23, 2022, and it was assigned tracking number DON-NAVY-2022-004918.

Please be advised that office conducted a review of the records and upon completion of the review, it was determined that portions of the responsive records are exempt from disclosure under 5 U.S.C. § 552.

- 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6), information in personnel and medical files, as well as similar personal information in other files, that, if disclosed to a requester other than the person about whom the information pertains, would result in a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. There is no discretion regarding its release.

Additionally, please note that NASA advised this office that they had withheld certain portions of the records under 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6), and (b)(7)(c), and they responded directly to you regarding their release determination.

Under 32 CFR §701.12(a), you have the right to an appeal. Appeals can be filed via email or through the U.S. mail. In both cases, send the appellate authority the following items:

1. An email/letter requesting an appeal with reasons why it should be granted.
2. A copy of your initial request.
3. A copy of this letter.

An appeal may be submitted through our online portal at www.securerelease.us and must be received within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter.

An appeal sent by email must be received within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. In the subject line of the email, type "FOIA Appeal" and your case number DON-NAVY-2022-004918. Send the appeal to don-foia-pa@us.navy.mil.

An appeal sent by mail must be postmarked within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Make sure to mark the envelope "FOIA Appeal". For issues related to the military, mail your appeal to The Judge Advocate General (Code 14). For all non-military related matters, mail your appeal to the Office of General Counsel (OGC). The appropriate addresses have been provided below.

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

General Counsel of the Navy
1000 Navy Pentagon, Room 5A532
Washington, DC 20350-1000

We understand the importance of timely responses to FOIA requests and apologize for any inconvenience this delay may cause. Thank you, again, for your patience.

You have the right to seek dispute resolution services with this determination. You may contact the Navy FOIA Public Liaison Mr. Chris Julka via email Christopher.a.julka.civ@us.navy.mil or by phone (703) 697-0031. You may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) through their website ogis.archives.gov, via email ogis@nara.gov, or by phone (202) 741-5770.

Please direct questions to the FOIA Service Center regarding the actions taken to process your request by phone (202) 685-0412 or via email don-foia-pa@us.navy.mil.


Sincerely,

R. Strong
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Director
NAVY FOIA/PA Program Office

Enclosure:
Responsive Documents_Redacted

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

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[EXTERNAL] Automatic reply: UAP taskforce NASA partners

From: (b) (6)
To: Cruz, Randy C. (HQ-AA000)[Affiliate] <randy.c.cruz@nasa.gov>
Sent: June 9, 2021 12:23:06 PM EDT
Received: June 9, 2021 12:23:53 PM EDT

I am out of the office until 14 June 21. For Nimitz OIC issues please contact (b) (6).

V/r, (b) (6)

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Sent: June 10, 2021 10:22:32 AM EDT
Received: June 10, 2021 10:24:18 AM EDT
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Hello Randy,

My name is (b) (6), and I work for (b) (6) on the UAP Task Force.

I can provide you with the information on the high side, if that's acceptable.

I had some high-side exchanges with (b) (6), which addresses your questions. So I will forward that exchange to you. Hitting send as I speak!

Please feel free to give me a call if you'd like to discuss further.

Thank you!

V/R,
(b) (6)

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From: (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, June 10, 2021 10:15 AM
To: (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6)
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(b) (6),

Can you reach out to the POC below? ...

Thanks!

V/r,

(b) (6)

From: Cruz, Randy C. (HQ-AA000)[Affiliate] <randy.c.cruz@nasa.gov>

Date: Tuesday, Jun 08, 2021, 12:20 PM

To: (b) (6) <(b) (6)>

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] UAP taskforce NASA partners

Hello Sir,

I came across a classified UAP TF brief that had your name on it, dated August 2020. NASA is named as a partner, but we're having difficulty identifying who exactly from NASA was working on this with your team. Any help you can provide is much appreciated; it will allow the NASA Administrator to have a better informed idea of who and how much contribution NASA has provided in this effort.

I can be reached (b) (7)(C), (b) (6)

We don't have many terminals, so if you send me any emails, I kindly request a NIPR heads up.

V/r,

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(b) (6)
Cc: Baron, Jonathan Louis (Red) CAPT USN COMNAVAIRSYSCOM PAX (USA)
(b) (6)
Sent: November 23, 2020 10:11:31 AM EST
Received: November 23, 2020 10:24:31 AM EST
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99,

ASN(RDA) is looking for an O-6 to lead an Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon (UAP) Task Force as directed by Congress. VADM Peters is asking both me and the AEDO Head Detailer if we have anyone who might be “between jobs or otherwise available” to lead this team. He was looking at a ~6 month timeframe but after discussing with CC Castelein up in ASN(RDA) I suspect this might go longer (or there could be the expectation that there will be a handoff at some point). Details are a little light, but this is what I have so far:

“The TF is stood up already but somewhat stagnant with mostly IC personnel involved. That’s where a PM-type fits in. Need a strong O-6 who can operate in inter-agency, multi-service environment and build a team with senior-level oversight but very broad left/right limits. To your question on timing, the position is open and needs a somewhat urgent fill since we need to show progress to Congress.”

CC also adds – “By the way, if you can get past the snickers and alien jokes, it’s pretty fascinating stuff.”

So if you want to channel your inner Fox Mulder and see if the truth is out there, let me and Red know.

v/r,

Pugs

CAPT Greg 'Pugs' Byers

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Sent: December 1, 2020 11:44:07 AM EST
Received: December 1, 2020 12:16:12 PM EST

I have completed turnover with my relief CAPT Jon 'Red' Baron. If you need assistance with an Aviation/Ship Integration Issue or need to discuss Aviation Acquisition Professional Community Management, please contact him at (b) (6). I will be checking this e-mail regularly until I begin terminal leave in mid-January.

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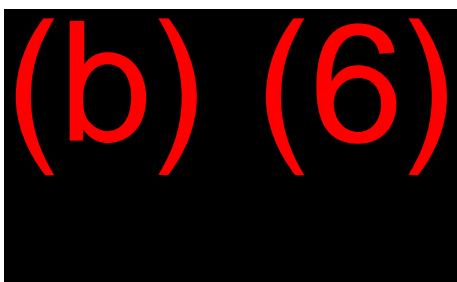
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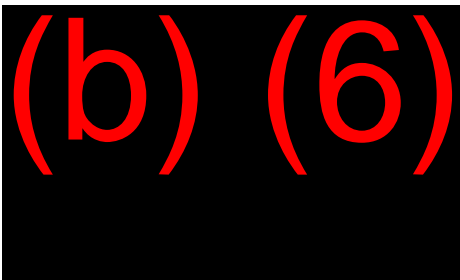
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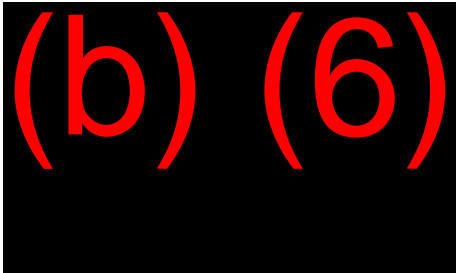
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Enjoy the transition. Submitting budgets is so fun we get to do it twice this year. Harumph!

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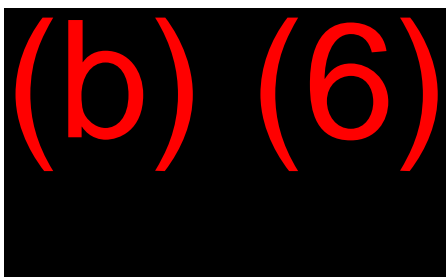
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Cc: (b) (6)
Sent: June 10, 2021 10:58:30 AM EDT
Received: June 10, 2021 10:58:46 AM EDT
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Sounds good, Randy, thanks!! It should be in your inbox...

V/R,

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Sent: Thursday, June 10, 2021 10:32 AM
To: (b) (6) <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] FW: [Non-DoD Source] UAP taskforce NASA partners

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I can provide you with the information on the high side, if that's acceptable.

I had some high-side exchanges with (b) (6), which addresses your questions. So I will forward that exchange to you. Hitting send as I speak!

Please feel free to give me a call if you'd like to discuss further.

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Hello Sir,

I came across a classified UAP TF brief that had your name on it, dated August 2020. NASA is named as a partner, but we're having difficulty identifying who exactly from NASA was working on this with your team. Any help you can provide is much appreciated; it will allow the NASA Administrator to have a better informed idea of who and how much contribution NASA has provided in this effort.

I can be reached on JWICS: (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) or if you like we can schedule a call and I can call you on TS VOIP.

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Sent: November 24, 2020 10:52:16 AM EST
Received: November 24, 2020 10:54:51 AM EST
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Heck yea man! X-files baby.

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Date: Tuesday, Nov 24, 2020, 7:44 AM

To: Bryla, Ryan J CAPT USN NAVTESTWINGPAC CA (USA) (b) (6)

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] FW: [EXTERNAL] Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon (UAP) Task Force Lead Wanted

This might be me.

From: Byers, Gregory D CAPT USN COMNAVAIRSYSCOM PAX (USA) (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 10:12 AM
Cc: Baron, Jonathan Louis (Red) CAPT USN COMNAVAIRSYSCOM PAX (USA) (b) (6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon (UAP) Task Force Lead Wanted

99,

ASN(RDA) is looking for an O-6 to lead an Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon (UAP) Task Force as directed by Congress. VADM Peters is asking both me and the AEDO Head Detailer if we have anyone who might be "between jobs or otherwise available" to lead this team. He was looking at a ~6 month timeframe but after discussing with CC Castelein up in ASN(RDA) I suspect this might go longer (or there could be the expectation that there will be a handoff at some point). Details are a little light, but this is what I have so far:

"The TF is stood up already but somewhat stagnant with mostly IC personnel involved. That's where a PM-type fits in. Need a strong O-6 who can operate in inter-agency, multi-service environment and build a team with senior-level oversight but very broad left/right limits. To your question on timing, the position is open and needs a somewhat urgent fill since we need to show progress to Congress."

CC also adds – "By the way, if you can get past the snickers and alien jokes, it's pretty fascinating stuff."

So if you want to channel your inner Fox Mulder and see if the truth is out there, let me and Red know.

v/r,

Pugs

CAPT Greg 'Pugs' Byers

Director, Aviation Ship Integration Team

NAS Patuxent River, MD

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Recall: UAP taskforce NASA partners

From: Cruz, Randy C. (HQ-AA000)[Affiliate] </O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=FE606AD0FF7A47E09D3C9543390219 F5-CRUZ, RANDY>
To: (b) (6)
Sent: June 9, 2021 12:15:14 PM EDT
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Cruz, Randy C. (HQ-AA000)[Affiliate] would like to recall the message, "UAP taskforce NASA partners".

SIPR address

To: Castelein, Carey F CAPT USN ASSTSECNAV RDA DC (USA)
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From: Castelein, Carey F CAPT USN ASSTSECNAV RDA DC (USA) (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 10:00 AM
To: Cruz, Randy C. (HQ-AA000)[Affiliate] <randy.c.cruz@nasa.gov>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Contact Information - UAP

Noon shoot work for me.

V/R,

CC

CAPT Carey Castelein

EA to VADM Moran

Principal Military Deputy

Assistant Secretary of the Navy

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From: Cruz, Randy C. (HQ-AA000)[Affiliate] <randy.c.cruz@nasa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 9:17 AM
To: Castelein, Carey F CAPT USN ASSTSECNAV RDA DC (USA) <(b) (6)>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: [EXTERNAL] Contact Information - UAP

CC,

I've got meetings this morning, can I call you around noon?

V/r,

Sock

Randy Cruz

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Senior Advisor to the Administrator

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From: Castelein, Carey F CAPT USN ASSTSECNAV RDA DC (USA) (b) (6)

Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 4:45 PM

To: Cruz, Randy C. (HQ-AA000)[Affiliate] <randy.c.cruz@nasa.gov>

Cc: Baron, Jonathan Louis (Red) CAPT USN COMNAVAIRSYSCOM PAX (USA) (b) (6)

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Contact Information - UAP

Randy,

Following up to see if this made it through NASA firewalls.

I'd like to chat with you for a few minutes and then set up a call with VADM Moran but I can't get through to either your office or cell #s.

Please give me a call this week so we can get you off and running.

Thanks,

CC

CAPT Carey Castelein

EA to VADM Mike Moran

Principal Military Deputy

Assistant Secretary of the Navy

(Research, Development, & Acquisition)

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From: Castelein, Carey F CAPT USN ASSTSECNAV RDA DC (USA)

Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 7:21 PM

To: Cruz, Randy C. (HQ-AA000)[Affiliate] <randy.c.cruz@nasa.gov>; Baron, Jonathan Louis (Red) CAPT USN HSM-41 (USA) (b) (6)

Cc: Byers, Gregory D CAPT USN COMNAVAIRSYSCOM PAX (USA) (b) (6)

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Randy,

I'll take the last one: I think for now it's most likely/preferable that the position be TDY. This tasking has been somewhat under-attended so much of the resourcing/infrastructure is yet to be established. This is where you'll have a major role.

Otherwise, let's plan for a phone call this week with VADM Moran to discuss the job.

V/R,

CC

CAPT Carey Castelein

EA to VADM Mike Moran

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From: Cruz, Randy C. (HQ-AA000)[Affiliate] <randy.c.cruz@nasa.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 11:23 AM

To: Baron, Jonathan Louis (Red) CAPT USN COMNAVAIRSYSCOM PAX (USA) <(b) (6)>

Cc: Castelein, Carey F CAPT USN ASSTSECNAV RDA DC (USA) <(b) (6)> Byers, Gregory D CAPT USN COMNAVAIRSYSCOM PAX (USA) <(b) (6)>

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Red,

I mostly telework, but I do go into the office from time to time, especially for the classified work. While teleworking and (b) (6) I can be reached on:

Personal cell: (b) (6)

Work cell: (b) (6)

While the list is dwindled down, should I be selected, I respectfully request a coordinated conversation with VADM Moran/Peters (whoever is selecting) and my current boss, Jim Bridenstine (NASA Administrator). I think it is fair to

manage expectations as Administrator Bridenstine has an approved request for my current extension at the NASA HQ through Aug 2021. He can be reached at (202) 384-5000.

What kind of timeline are we looking at? And are we looking at PCS or TDY tasking?

V/r,

Randy

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From: Baron, Jonathan Louis (Red) CAPT USN COMNAVAIRSYSCOM PAX (USA) (b) (6)

Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 9:55 AM

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Randy,

Just completed the lead change with Pugs and answering/coordinating some RFIs re: UAP availability/etc.

Can you confirm your phone and telework contact info beyond email? Providing to CC for VADM Moran's SA/Info.

V/R,

Red

CAPT J.L. "Red" Baron

Avn AP URL Community Manager

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To: (b) (6)
Sent: June 8, 2021 12:20:16 PM EDT
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Hello Sir,

I came across a classified UAP TF brief that had your name on it, dated August 2020. NASA is named as a partner, but we're having difficulty identifying who exactly from NASA was working on this with your team. Any help you can provide is much appreciated; it will allow the NASA Administrator to have a better informed idea of who and how much contribution NASA has provided in this effort.

I can be reached on JWICS: (b) (7)(C), (b) (6) or if you like we can schedule a call and I can call you on TS VOIP.

We don't have many terminals, so if you send me any emails, I kindly request a NIPR heads up.

V/r,

Randy

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To: (b) (6)
Sent: June 8, 2021 12:13:33 PM EDT
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Hello Sir,

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