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FOIA Case: 118389
30 April 2024

JOHN R GREENEWALD
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Dear John Greenewald:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated 14 April 2024, for "...a copy of records (which includes videos/photos), electronic or otherwise, of all records that pertain to the NSA's change of policy to release Intellipedia related information. For about a decade, the NSA would actively release information that was from the Intellipedia database, however, that policy changed in 2023, and the NSA adopted a GLOMAR response practice on all Intellipedia related requests. I ask that you include all memos, letters, emails to/from pertinent parties, presentation material, and all other records that pertain to the decision to stop processing requests related to Intellipedia." Date Range: 2021-Date.

Your request was received on 15 April 2024, and assigned Case Number 118389. There are no assessable fees for this request; therefore, we did not address your fee category.

The material responsive to your request has been reviewed by this agency and is being fully denied. Some of the documents were found to be currently and properly classified in accordance with Executive Order 13526. This information meets the criteria for classification as set forth in Subparagraph (c) of Section 1.4 and remains classified SECRET as provided in Section 1.2 of the Executive Order. The information is classified because its disclosure could reasonably be expected to cause serious damage to the national security. Because the information is currently and properly classified, it is exempt from disclosure pursuant to the first exemption of the FOIA (5 U.S.C. Section 552(b)(1)).

In addition, this Agency is authorized by various statutes to protect certain information concerning its activities. We have determined that such information exists in these documents. Accordingly, those portions are exempt from disclosure pursuant to the third exemption of the FOIA, which provides

for the withholding of information specifically protected from disclosure by statute. The specific statutes applicable in this case are Title 18 U.S. Code 798; Title 50 U.S. Code 3024(i); and Section 6, Public Law 86-36 (50 U.S. Code 3605).

Finally, information has been withheld from the enclosures pursuant to the fifth exemption of the FOIA. This exemption applies to inter-agency or intra-agency memoranda or letters that would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency, protecting information that is normally privileged in the civil discovery context, such as attorney-client privileged information and attorney-client work product.

Please be advised that the Agency reasonably foresees that disclosure of the existence or non-existence of the requested information would be harmful to an interest that is protected by the identified exemptions.

You may appeal this decision. If you decide to appeal, you should do so in the manner outlined below. NSA will endeavor to respond within 20 working days of receiving any appeal, absent any unusual circumstances.

- The appeal must be sent via U.S. postal mail, fax, or electronic delivery (e-mail) and addressed to:

NSA/CSS FOIA/PA Appeal Authority (P132)
National Security Agency
9800 Savage Road STE 6932
Fort George G. Meade, MD 20755-6932

The facsimile number is (443)479-3612.

The appropriate email address to submit an appeal is
FOIA_PA_Appeals@nsa.gov.

- It must be postmarked or delivered electronically no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Decisions appealed after 90 days will not be addressed.
- Please include the case number provided above.
- Please describe with sufficient detail why you believe the denial of requested was unwarranted.

You may also contact our FOIA Public Liaison at foialo@nsa.gov for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of 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 Rd. - OGIS
College Park, MD 20740
ogis@nara.gov
877/684-6448
202/741-5769

Correspondence related to your request should include the case number assigned to your request, which is included in the first paragraph of this letter. Your letter should be addressed to National Security Agency, FOIA Division (P132), 9800 Savage Road STE 6932, Ft. George G. Meade, MD 20755-6932 or may be sent by facsimile to 443-479-3612. If sent by fax, it should be marked for the attention of the FOIA Division. The telephone number of the FOIA Division is 301-688-6527.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sally A. Nicholson".

SALLY A. NICHOLSON
Chief, FOIA/PA Division
NSA Initial Denial Authority

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