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Ref: 20-F-0164
September 22, 2025

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

Dear Mr. Greenwald:

This is a final response to your October 29, 2019 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, a copy of which is enclosed for your convenience. The Office of the Secretary of Defense/Joint Staff (OSD/JS) FOIA Requester Service Center received your request on October 30, 2019, and assigned it FOIA case number 20-F-0164. We ask that you use this number when referring to your request.

The Office of the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs (OATSD(PA)), a component of OSD, conducted a search of their records systems and located 478 pages determined to be responsive to your request. Ms. Tanya Rose, Program Manager at OATSD(PA); Mr. Paul Jacobsmeyer, Deputy at Washington Headquarters Services, Executive Services Directorate, Defense Office of Prepublication and Security Review; Colonel Brian Kreitlow, Chief of Assessment, Capabilities, & Integration Division at Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence & Security; Mr. David Bennett, Director at Department of Defense, Office of General Counsel; and Mr. Richard Strong, Director at Department of Navy FOIA/PA Program Office, in their capacities as Initial Denial Authorities, have determined that portions of the 478 responsive pages are exempt from release pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 under the following exemptions:

- (b)(3) Information specifically exempted by a statute establishing particular criteria for withholding, applying 10 U.S.C. § 424, organization or any function of an organization, and certain information pertaining to, employees of the Defense Intelligence Agency, the National Reconnaissance Office, and the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency;
- (b)(5) Inter- and intra- agency memoranda which are deliberative in nature; this exemption is appropriate for internal documents which are part of the decision-making process, and contain subjective evaluations, opinions and recommendations; and
- (b)(6) Information which, if disclosed, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of individuals.

Please note that we have considered the foreseeable harm standard when reviewing records and applying exemptions under the FOIA in the processing of this request.

In this instance, fees for processing your request were below the threshold for requiring payment. Please note that fees may be assessed on future requests.

If you have any questions or concerns about the foregoing or about the processing of your request, please do not hesitate to contact the Action Officer assigned to your request, Christine Dickinson, at christine.m.dickinson.ctr@mail.mil or 571-256-7543. Additionally, if you have concerns about service received by our office, please contact a member of our Leadership Team at 571-372-0498 or Toll Free at 866-574-4970.

Should you wish to inquire about mediation services, you may contact the OSD/JS FOIA Public Liaison, Virginia Burke, by email at osd.mc-alex.oatsd-pclt.mbx.foia-liaison@mail.mil or by phone at 571-372-0462. You may also 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
E-mail: ogis@nara.gov
Telephone: 202-741-5770
Fax: 202-741-5769
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You have the right to appeal to the appellate authority, Mr. Michael Kremlacek, Acting Principal Deputy to the Secretary of Defense for Privacy, Civil Liberties, and Transparency (PCLT), Office of the Secretary of Defense, at: 4800 Mark Center Drive, ATTN: PCLFD, FOIA Appeals, Mailbox #24, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700. Your appeal must be postmarked within 90 calendar days of the date of this response. Alternatively, you may email your appeal to osd.foia-appeal@mail.mil. If you use email, please include the words "FOIA Appeal" in the subject of the email. Please also reference FOIA case number 20-F-0164 in any appeal correspondence.

We appreciate your patience in the processing of your request. As stated previously, please contact the Action Officer assigned to your request, Christine Dickinson, and reference FOIA case number 20-F-0164, if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,




for Pamela Andrews
Chief, FOIA

Enclosures:
As stated

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From: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA)
Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2019 12:59 PM
To: (b)(6) OSD OUSD INTEL (US); (b)(6)
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Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Lue Elizondo/AATIP
Attachments: AATIP 1.pdf; Reid_Letter_to_Lynn-1.pdf
Signed By: (b)(6)

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Thanks,
Chris

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From: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA)
Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2019 10:33 AM
To: Carranza, Guillermo R SES OSD OGC (USA); (b)(6) OSD OUSD INTEL (US)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Lue Elizondo/AATIP
Attachments: AATIP 1.pdf; Reid_Letter_to_Lynn-1.pdf; RE: [Non-DoD Source] AATIP / Elizondo question (36.9 KB)
Signed By: (b)(6)

Mr. Carranza,

(b)(5); (b)(6)

Here is the first of six weekly installments of the History Channel series "Unidentified: Inside America's UFO Investigation." As discussed, we'll send the next five installments (minus transcript) as they air.

[http://mms.tveyes.com/transcript.asp?StationID=2580&DateTime=5/31/2019%2010:03:40%20PM&playclip=true&pbcs=search%3a%2b\(pentagon\)](http://mms.tveyes.com/transcript.asp?StationID=2580&DateTime=5/31/2019%2010:03:40%20PM&playclip=true&pbcs=search%3a%2b(pentagon))

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From: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA)
Sent: Monday, June 3, 2019 10:06 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Hi from Bryan Bender at Politico
Signed By: (b)(6)

FYI.

From: Bryan Bender <(b)(6)>
Sent: Monday, June 3, 2019 12:34 AM
To: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA) <(b)(6)>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Hi from Bryan Bender at Politico

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Can we set up a time to discuss this on Monday? The Intercept article is wrong and it hangs on your statement. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 1, 2019, at 5:01 PM, Bryan Bender <(b)(6)> <Caution-mailto:(b)(6)> > wrote:

Hi there. Hoping I might reach you RE this:

Caution-<https://theintercept.com/2019/06/01/ufo-unidentified-history-channel-luis-elizondo-pentagon/> < Caution-<https://theintercept.com/2019/06/01/ufo-unidentified-history-channel-luis-elizondo-pentagon/> >

Someone is utterly misinformed, purposely pushing a false narrative or I don't know but I feel like the record needs to be cleared up. Directly and clearly. Not like this article, which is the opposite of definitive.

Thanks,
Bryan

(b)(6)

Sent from my iPhone

(b)(6)

From: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA)
Sent: Thursday, June 6, 2019 9:21 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Substantiating documentation - Elizondo
Attachments: Lue_Elizond_Mission_Transfer_Documentation(2).pdf
Signed By: (b)(6)

(b)(6) received this from Mr. Elizondo.

Christopher Sherwood
Office of the Secretary of Defense

(b)(6)

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From: Lue Abcde (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2019 3:47 PM
To: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA) (b)(6)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Substantiating documentation - Elizondo

Hi Chris:

I am reaching out in a final effort to avoid seeing this unfortunate situation escalate. As a soldier and public servant with decades of unblemished service, these false accusations are personally painful as you can well imagine. Moreover, the clearly inaccurate information released by your office has the potential to profoundly damage my career and with it my ability to provide for my wife and family.

In that regard, attached you will find a sample of unclassified correspondence that clearly demonstrates how active I remained on the UAP issue right up until my departure, to include interagency coordination with the IC on this important issue and operational collaboration with the US Navy. The transition plans referenced herein were briefed to and approved by a senior political appointee who reported directly to General Mattis. Some of the F-18 pilots and Navy officials can confirm multiple briefings and discussions with this individual and others, to include Congress. Some of these discussions and briefings actually occurred inside the SecDef's personal office suite. That is why my emails reference "the front office."

Officials from other agencies and departments (ie DIA and CIA) attended meetings I held to coordinate activities on this topic in support of the men and women in the US Navy, who as you know were and still are deeply perplexed and concerned by this phenomenon. AATIP was an official program that was never shut down, when the funding dried-up I continued to lead and interact with officials in DoD and other agencies to the best of my ability in the interest of national security. When I departed, as is clear from my resignation letter, it was purely out of frustration with my ability to gain additional traction and support. But I put my shoulder to the wheel all those years and worked

diligently to maintain a focus on the AATIP issue and continued to coordinate and promote collection and analysis. Call it an "activity" vs a "program" if you will, but if this escalates it will be easy to prove how active I remained in support of our men and women in uniform, especially in the US Navy. If some who were not privy to my actions want to portray me as a rogue, well bad on them for sitting on their hands and doing nothing about recurring intrusions into US airspace and military operating areas and good on me for continuing to risk my reputation and career in support of the US Navy and the nation. Personally, it is outrageous so many others did so little in the face of what the Navy now publicly acknowledges is serious national security issue. The plain truth is that I did everything I could to maintain focus and attention on this vital issue when so many others continued to sweep it under the rug purely for fear of the stigma and possible impact on their reputations. And for that the department wants to make me out to be the bad guy? An imposter? For showing initiative and support to the Navy and others? For keeping this effort going as best I could -- an effort now fully vindicated by the Navy itself?

As you can well imagine, I am not only hurt and disappointed but angry. I should if anything be getting accolades for persistence and initiative, especially since the Navy has now publicly acknowledged the seriousness of the issue, something that only occurred because of my efforts. Instead, a knife in the back? Wow, thanks guys! If the department wants to have this out in public we can certainly do so. I can easily establish that Neil took the meetings referenced in these emails and that this plan was blessed by an individual who has departed but was at the time a senior Administration appointee and directly reported to General Mattis. Do you honestly think I made up the stuff in these emails? Really? Check Neil's calendars and you will see these meetings occurred (as well as innumerable other meetings on my calendars).

I am providing these documents to you to afford you and the Department a final opportunity to correct the record. Meanwhile, I am being pushed into a corner as you can well imagine and will soon be forced to engage an attorney and respond. The oversight committees are also well aware of my role and I believe appreciative of my efforts.

In conclusion, it seems clear to me and others that there exists an extreme miscommunication among OUSDI staff. I truly hope we can resolve this amicably.

What a sad statement it is that instead of being rewarded for my initiative and persistence, for diligently pursuing an issue so many others were willing to duck, some in the department are instead trying to destroy my career and reputation by sowing disinformation. To reiterate, I was an OUSDI staff member while working with the AATIP portfolio up until the point of my departure. This was previously verified by the DoD Press Secretary in 2017. Check Neil's calendar and you will be able to confirm these meetings occurred -- a small sample of the total number of meetings I was having on a weekly and near daily basis at the time.

I know that you are trying to be a fair and honest broker. I hope you will therefore take this letter in the spirit of a former colleague merely seeking to set the record straight.

Please advise receipt of this communication if you would at your earliest convenience. I am holding off media requests and will continue to do so until I hear from you. As you can imagine, the pressure is growing.

Sincerely and respectfully,

Lue Elizondo

(b)(6)

From: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA)
Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2019 10:24 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: Elizondo
Signed By: (b)(6)

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

From: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA)
Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2019 10:24 AM
To: 'Bryan Bender' (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Elizondo

Bryan,

I'm still working with the OUSD(I) staff for any clarifying information I can provide.

With regard to the original statement, because I provided a public statement, I have to provide it to other reporters who ask for it. Or they will just FOIA for it. I'm happy to discuss with you where we are with this effort. I have no additional statements or comments on this.

Sincerely,
Chris

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So now you are sharing the statement you gave the intercept with others reporters? And putting out more false or misleading information? Can't tell you how frustrating it is that OSD can't put out accurate information. If it's ok with you I'd like to talk to someone else over there.

Sent from my iPhone

(b)(6)

From: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA)
Sent: Thursday, June 6, 2019 10:24 AM
To: (b)(6); (b)(3):10 USC § (b)(6)
Subject: FW: RE: Media Enquiry
Attachments: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Follow-up Article - Need Assistance (28.1 KB)
Signed By: (b)(6)

(b)(6); (b)(3):10
USC § 424

Attached and below are what we provided. We are working to get a statement that accurately reflects Mr. Elizondo's duties after ATTIP ended.

This is the statement I put out.

"The Department of Defense is always concerned about maintaining positive identification of all aircraft in our operating environment as well as identifying any foreign capability that may be a threat to the homeland. The department will continue to investigate, through normal procedures, reports of unidentified aircraft encountered by US military aviators in order to ensure defense of the homeland and protection against strategic surprise by our nation's adversaries."

"The AATIP program did pursue research and investigation into unidentified aerial phenomena. Mr. Elizondo had no responsibilities with regard to the AATIP program while he worked in OUSDI, up until the time he resigned effective 10/4/2017."

"The video you reference in the NY Times article was made releasable for research and analysis purposes by U.S. government agencies and industry partners, and not for general public release."

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Thanks,
Chris

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, June 3, 2019 10:08 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA); (b)(6)
Subject: RE: RE: Media Enquiry

Hi John,

The videos were never officially released to the general public by DoD and should still be withheld.

Regards,

(b)(6)

Pentagon Spokesperson

Defense Public Affairs Operations

DOD website: <https://www.defense.gov/>

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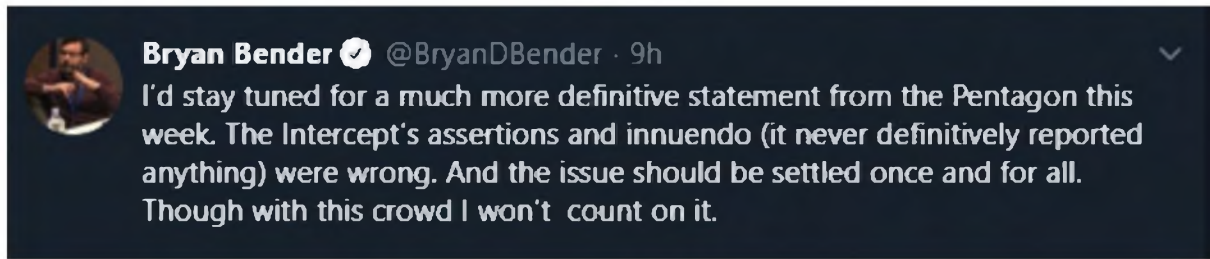
I hope you had a wonderful weekend. I wanted to circle back on my email below. I saw a story published this weekend, you had issued some statements to The Intercept / Keith Kloor about AATIP and Mr. Elizondo. In regards to my message below, it appears that most of the questions may be answered with the full talking points. Could I just ask – may I have the complete statement / talking points that were released this past week regarding Mr. Luis Elizondo and AATIP? It is much appreciated. As (b)(6) can attest, I write extensively on these issues, and am very interested in accuracy, vs. much of the sensational stuff I see on television about all this.

One outstanding question would be the below (unless your full statement addresses this). Do you have any comment here?

- 1) With (b)(6) confirming the DD Form 1910 does not approve the three named videos (in relation to this story: Caution-<https://www.lasvegasnow.com/news/local-news/exclusive-i-team-confirms-pentagon-did-release-ufo-videos/1963912703> < Caution-<https://www.lasvegasnow.com/news/local-news/exclusive-i-team-confirms-pentagon-did-release-ufo-videos/1963912703> >) it calls into question the original video published by the NY Times in this story: Caution-<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/12/16/us/politics/pentagon-program-ufo-harry-reid.html> < Caution-<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/12/16/us/politics/pentagon-program-ufo-harry-reid.html> > and then Mr. Elizondo, who is connected with a corporation called To The Stars Academy of Arts & Science, published a total of three videos here: Caution-<https://coi.tothestarsacademy.com/> < Caution-<https://coi.tothestarsacademy.com/> > It was reported the DD Form 1910 was the “authorization” that got these videos out – but we know now by (b)(6) statement that is not true. **Can you comment about these three videos? Can you confirm that the three videos are the ones connected to the DD Form 1910? Are they, or should they be, classified or just still withheld?**

Lastly, no doubt, The Intercept's article caused quite a conversation, including a message by one of the original December 2017 journalists who covered the story. I pasted it below. He's insinuating (late on a Sunday night) that a new Pentagon statement is coming. Is there any truth to this and that what was told to The Intercept is going to change?

I appreciate any insight you can give me. Thank you!



Sincerely,

John Greenwald, Jr.

Owner/Founder

The Black Vault

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Subject: Media Enquiry

Dear Mr. Sherwood,

I hope this email finds you well. I understand you have taken over the portfolio for (b)(6) and I had corresponded with her last year about some stories I worked on, in relation to the "AATIP Program."

To explain my background, in addition to writing and producing for many television networks (I can get you a full list of credits, if needed), I frequently appear on radio and television speaking about government topics, documents, declassification etc. So, my intent with reaching out to you, is to be as accurate as possible when speaking or writing about these topics. This week, I worked with (b)(6) to ensure accuracy on a different story, relating to DD Form 1910s.

Without being long winded, as I mentioned, I do frequently do television and radio interviews talking about various topics, AATIP is one of them. Through my contact with (b)(6) I learned that recent media attention to a “leaked” (now confirmed by (b)(6) as legitimate) DD Form 1910 was not what the public was led to believe by a news story that offered an “exclusive.” I hoped maybe I could reach out to you with some overall questions about the AATIP program since I spoke with (b)(6) last time – but if someone else is more appropriate, let me know. If possible, the below is a bit time sensitive, due to some articles being written now, but also some up-coming television series that I will be working on. My intent with the below, again, is to be as accurate as possible.

- 1) There has been mass confusion on whether or not the AATIP program dealt with UFOs. Can you confirm (or deny) there was any UFO or “Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon” (UAP) aspect to the program? If there was – can you comment on if that was a major part of the AATIP? Minor?
- 2) There has been some confusion behind the name for AATIP. Originally OSD had said “Advanced AVIATION Threat Identification Program” and DIA said “Advanced AEROSPACE Threat Identification Program.” Can you clarify what name is correct, or was it one version at DIA and another at OSD?
- 3) A man by the name of Mr. Luis Elizondo has been giving lectures and interviews, along with appearing on a new up-coming series for The History Channel called Unidentified. He is being advertised on that network as having run the AATIP program, and has done various media appearances also stating he ran the program. Is there any official statement on his claims?
- 4) With (b)(6) confirming the DD Form 1910 does not approve the three named videos (in relation to this story: Caution-<https://www.lasvegasnow.com/news/local-news/exclusive-i-team-confirms-pentagon-did-release-ufo-videos/1963912703> < Caution-<https://www.lasvegasnow.com/news/local-news/exclusive-i-team-confirms-pentagon-did-release-ufo-videos/1963912703> >) it calls into question the original video published by the NY Times in this story: Caution-<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/12/16/us/politics/pentagon-program-ufo-harry-reid.html> < Caution-<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/12/16/us/politics/pentagon-program-ufo-harry-reid.html> > and then Mr. Elizondo, who is connected with a corporation called To The Stars Academy of Arts & Science, published a total of three videos here: Caution-<https://coi.tothestarsacademy.com/> < Caution-<https://coi.tothestarsacademy.com/> > It was reported the DD Form 1910 was the “authorization” that got these videos out – but we know now by (b)(6) statement that is not true. Can you comment about these three videos? Can you confirm that the three videos are the ones connected to the DD Form 1910? Are they, or should they be, classified or just still withheld?

I really appreciate your time in responding. I look forward to your response, as time permits.

Sincerely,

John Greenwald, Jr.

Owner/Founder

The Black Vault

Caution-<http://www.theblackvault.com> < Caution-<http://www.theblackvault.com/> >

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(b)(6)

From: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA)
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2019 3:03 PM
To: Bryan Bender
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] any update on status of Leu Elizondo?
Signed By: (b)(6)

Bryan,

We are looking at all the information we have, I don't know if we will have another statement to provide. I'll let you know if we do.

Sincerely,
Chris

Christopher Sherwood
Office of the Secretary of Defense

(b)(6)

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From: Bryan Bender <(b)(6)>
Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2019 5:56 PM
To: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA) <(b)(6)>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] any update on status of Leu Elizondo?

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Hearing rumblings there may be a statement in the works?

Thanks

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

From: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA)
Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2019 1:56 PM
To: Keith Kloor
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] checking in
Signed By: (b)(6)

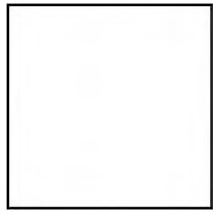
Keith,

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Sincerely,
Chris

Christopher Sherwood
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(b)(6)
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From: Keith Kloor <(b)(6)>
Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2019 12:13 PM
To: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA) <(b)(6)>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] checking in


Chris,

Sorry to pester you, but I wanted to see if you expected any change/clarification in the statement made to me WRT Luis Elizondo for my story at The Intercept?

As I mentioned to you yesterday, Bryan Bender of Politico said that he expected there to be a revised statement by DoD and/or the DIA. I don't know if this was bluster or not. But I figured I'd check in with you, regardless.

Thanks,
Keith

(b)(6)

From: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA)
Sent: Thursday, June 6, 2019 9:52 AM
To: Carranza, Guillermo R SES OSD OGC (USA) (b)(6)
(b)(6) OSD OUSD INTEL (US); (b)(6) OSD OUSD INTEL (US)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Lue Elizondo/AATIP
Attachments: RE: Elizondo & Transfer of AATIP (29.6 KB); [Non-DoD Source] Substantiating documentation - Elizondo (1.34 MB)
Signed By: (b)(6)

Mr. Carranza,

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Media outlets outstanding queries:

- The Intercept, Keith Kloor
- POLITICO, Bryan Bender
- VICE, MJ Banias
- HUFFPOST, Alejandro Rojas
- The War Zone, Joseph Trevithick
- UFO-aktuell, Roger Glassel

V/r,
Chris

Christopher Sherwood
Office of the Secretary of Defense

(b)(6)

From: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA)
Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2019 10:33 AM
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Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Lue Elizondo/AATIP

Mr. Carranza,

(b)(5); (b)(6)

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Here is the first of six weekly installments of the History Channel series "Unidentified: Inside America's UFO Investigation." As discussed, we'll send the next five installments (minus transcript) as they air.

[http://mms.tveyes.com/transcript.asp?StationID=2580&DateTime=5/31/2019%2010:03:40%20PM&playclip=true&pbcs=search%3a%2b\(pentagon\)](http://mms.tveyes.com/transcript.asp?StationID=2580&DateTime=5/31/2019%2010:03:40%20PM&playclip=true&pbcs=search%3a%2b(pentagon))

V/r,
Chris

Christopher Sherwood
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(b)(6) OSD OUSD INTEL (USA) (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Lue Elizondo/AATIP

(b)(6)

(b)(5)

Thanks,
Chris

Christopher Sherwood
Office of the Secretary of Defense

(b)(6)

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From: CHRIS MELLON <(b)(6)>
Sent: Monday, June 3, 2019 12:36 PM
To: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA) <(b)(6)>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Lue Elizondo/AATIP

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Hi Chris:

Attached are a two examples of the documentation Lue may feel compelled to release if there is not a clarification of his continuing active role in coordinating activities with Navy and other agencies related to UAP issues right up until his departure and resignation from OSD.

Frankly, it might well be to Lue's benefit and that of TTSA and the History Channel to have a pissing match about this with DoD/OSD but personally I'd hate to see that. I'm glad that does not seem to have occurred to Lue yet but it may become unavoidable if there is not some clarification since his integrity is publicly being called into question.

I also want to point out that Lue insists that he was NOT detailed to DIA, another falsehood according to Lue.

I know your office and its credo very well and fully understand that you and your colleagues are absolutely committed to being as transparent as possible. There is not the least question in my mind regarding your integrity or that of your colleagues in OSD Public Affairs based on serving in OSD during 2 Administrations. However, you have clearly have not been given a full or complete picture on this issue.

I hope this information proves useful. There is much more than this sample. Lue has a lot of friends on the inside who I believe will continue to push out more unclassified information on his behalf if this becomes a pissing match. Indeed one of them will soon be appearing on the History Channel show talking about their work with Lue on these matters AFTER the time period you seem to believe he was no longer involved with AATIP (although that individuals identify is protected).

I hope this information proves useful. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Lue cherishes his relationship with DoD and does not want to escalate this but as you can imagine after the intercept story by Kloor pressure is building on him to respond.

In my view it is probably best for you to continue this discussion directly with Lue going forward; it is not really my affair, but I did want to give you a head's up as I can see where this may be heading and it seems to me to be preferable to avert a public clash over this if possible.

Sincerely,

~Christopher Mellon

(b)(6)

PS: Last week I appeared on GMA, Fox, Inside Edition etc. Below is a sample. I imagine I may be asked to comment publicly on this issue soon myself. If so, obviously I will have no choice but to set the record straight. Lue was clearly continuing to work the UAP issue at a high level right up until the end.

Here is where I am coming from on the larger UAP issue if interested:

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(b)(6)

From: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA)
Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2019 2:14 PM
To: Roger Glassel
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: A question from Roger Glassel regarding AATIP
Signed By: (b)(6)

Roger,

Here is the statement.

Below is what I can provide as a Defense Department Spokesman.

“The Department of Defense is always concerned about maintaining positive identification of all aircraft in our operating environment as well as identifying any foreign capability that may be a threat to the homeland. The department will continue to investigate, through normal procedures, reports of unidentified aircraft encountered by US military aviators in order to ensure defense of the homeland and protection against strategic surprise by our nation’s adversaries.”

“The AATIP program did pursue research and investigation into unidentified aerial phenomena. Mr. Elizondo had no responsibilities with regard to the AATIP program while he worked in OUSDI, up until the time he resigned effective 10/4/2017.”

“The video[s] you reference in the NY Times article was made releasable for research and analysis purposes by U.S. government agencies and industry partners, and not for general public release.”

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Sincerely,

Christopher Sherwood
Office of the Secretary of Defense

(b)(6)

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From: Roger Glassel (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2019 1:21 PM
To: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA) (b)(6)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: A question from Roger Glassel regarding AATIP

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Dear Mr. Sherwood,

I heard from (b)(6) that you have been out of office. I would appreciate if you would answer my question I previously sent you. Also, if it would be possible for you to send me the full statement that you sent to Steven Greenstreet at the New York Post about AATIP, so I could fact check the statement that they credited coming from you, before I write a follow-up article about the latest development regarding the AATIP subject.

Sincerely,
Roger Glassel

23 maj 2019 kl. 13:38 skrev Roger Glassel <(b)(6)> <Caution-mailto:(b)(6)> > >:

Dear Mr. Sherwood,

My name is Roger Glassel and I am a writer for the Swedish quarterly magazine UFO-aktuellt. I saw in an email from (b)(6) that she was referring to you as the lead of the subject regarding the Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program (AATIP), and she also CC:ed you in one of her emails to me. Therefore I am reaching out directly to you.

According to a statement I got from (b)(6) the scope of the AATIP "was to assess far-term foreign advanced aerospace threats to the United States, including anomalous events (such as sightings of aerodynamic vehicles engaged in extreme maneuvers, with unique phenomenology, reported by U.S. Navy pilots or other credible sources)."

The above statement indicates that the AATIP was engaged in collection and analysis of Unidentified Aerial Phenomena, also known as Unidentified Flying Objects.

I asked (b)(6) where (b)(6) statement was taken from, and she told me the following.

(b)(6) was providing you with additional information about the scope of the technical studies that were performed under AATIP."

In a recent article in the New York Post the below statement was credited as coming from the DoD.

"...In a statement provided exclusively to The Post, a Department of Defense spokesman said a secret government initiative called the Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program "did pursue research and investigation into unidentified aerial phenomena."..."

The article continues with statements credited to you, but in those statements you are using the more mundane term "unidentified aircraft"

It is my hope that you can clarify if the AATIP was involved in research and investigation of Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UFO phenomenon)

Sincerely,
Roger Glassel

(b)(6)

From: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA)
Sent: Monday, June 3, 2019 12:56 PM
To: Keith Kloor
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] story up and response
Signed By: (b)(6)

Keith,

Will do. Thanks for the information.

Sincerely,
Chris

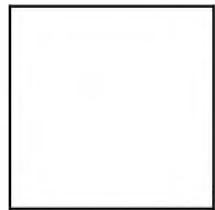
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From: Keith Kloor (b)(6)
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To: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA) (b)(6)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] story up and response

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Chris,

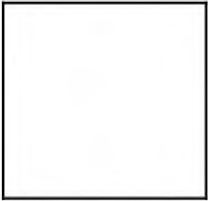
My story went up over the weekend and promptly unleashed a frenzy of furious fireballs from the UFO crowd hurled my way. (How's that for bad alliteration.)

Caution-<https://theintercept.com/2019/06/01/ufo-unidentified-history-channel-luis-elizondo-pentagon/> < Caution-<https://theintercept.com/2019/06/01/ufo-unidentified-history-channel-luis-elizondo-pentagon/> >

Anyway, it's also made Bryan Bender of Politico somewhat displeased. (Bender has written numerous stories on Elizondo and UFOs for Politico.) Please see the response below from him.

Perhaps his assumption: If you do issue any clarification or change from the original statement you gave to me, I would appreciate you letting me know.

Thanks,
Keith



< Caution-<https://twitter.com/BryanDBender> >

FYI I've asked DoD and DIA for statements on Elizondo's role vis a vis AATIP. I anticipate they will refute your assertions that he had no role and didn't run the effort for a time.

(b)(6)

From: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA)
Sent: Thursday, June 6, 2019 12:12 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Substantiating documentation - Elizondo
Signed By: (b)(6)

Mr. Elizondo,

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Thank you again,
Chris

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Office of the Secretary of Defense

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From: Lue Abcde (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2019 3:47 PM
To: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA) <(b)(6)>
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In that regard, attached you will find a sample of unclassified correspondence that clearly demonstrates how active I remained on the UAP issue right up until my departure, to include interagency coordination with the IC on this important issue and operational collaboration with the US Navy. The transition plans referenced herein were briefed to and approved by a senior political appointee who reported directly to General Mattis. Some of the F-18 pilots and Navy officials can confirm multiple briefings and discussions with this individual and others, to include Congress. Some of these discussions and briefings actually occurred inside the SecDef's personal office suite. That is why my emails reference "the front office."

Officials from other agencies and departments (ie DIA and CIA) attended meetings I held to coordinate activities on this topic in support of the men and women in the US Navy, who as you know were and still are deeply perplexed

and concerned by this phenomenon. AATIP was an official program that was never shut down, when the funding dried-up I continued to lead and interact with officials in DoD and other agencies to the best of my ability in the interest of national security. When I departed, as is clear from my resignation letter, it was purely out of frustration with my ability to gain additional traction and support. But I put my shoulder to the wheel all those years and worked diligently to maintain a focus on the AATIP issue and continued to coordinate and promote collection and analysis. Call it an "activity" vs a "program" if you will, but if this escalates it will be easy to prove how active I remained in support of our men and women in uniform, especially in the US Navy. If some who were not privy to my actions want to portray me as a rogue, well bad on them for sitting on their hands and doing nothing about recurring intrusions into US airspace and military operating areas and good on me for continuing to risk my reputation and career in support of the US Navy and the nation. Personally, it is outrageous so many others did so little in the face of what the Navy now publicly acknowledges is serious national security issue. The plain truth is that I did everything I could to maintain focus and attention on this vital issue when so many others continued to sweep it under the rug purely for fear of the stigma and possible impact on their reputations. And for that the department wants to make me out to be the bad guy? An imposter? For showing initiative and support to the Navy and others? For keeping this effort going as best I could -- an effort now fully vindicated by the Navy itself?

As you can well imagine, I am not only hurt and disappointed but angry. I should if anything be getting accolades for persistence and initiative, especially since the Navy has now publicly acknowledged the seriousness of the issue, something that only occurred because of my efforts. Instead, a knife in the back? Wow, thanks guys! If the department wants to have this out in public we can certainly do so. I can easily establish that Neil took the meetings referenced in these emails and that this plan was blessed by an individual who has departed but was at the time a senior Administration appointee and directly reported to General Mattis. Do you honestly think I made up the stuff in these emails? Really? Check Neil's calendars and you will see these meetings occurred (as well as innumerable other meetings on my calendars).

I am providing these documents to you to afford you and the Department a final opportunity to correct the record. Meanwhile, I am being pushed into a corner as you can well imagine and will soon be forced to engage an attorney and respond. The oversight committees are also well aware of my role and I believe appreciative of my efforts.

In conclusion, it seems clear to me and others that there exists an extreme miscommunication among OUSDI staff. I truly hope we can resolve this amicably.

What a sad statement it is that instead of being rewarded for my initiative and persistence, for diligently pursuing an issue so many others were willing to duck, some in the department are instead trying to destroy my career and reputation by sowing disinformation. To reiterate, I was an OUSDI staff member while working with the AATIP portfolio up until the point of my departure. This was previously verified by the DoD Press Secretary in 2017. Check Neil's calendar and you will be able to confirm these meetings occurred -- a small sample of the total number of meetings I was having on a weekly and near daily basis at the time.

I know that you are trying to be a fair and honest broker. I hope you will therefore take this letter in the spirit of a former colleague merely seeking to set the record straight.

Please advise receipt of this communication if you would at your earliest convenience. I am holding off media requests and will continue to do so until I hear from you. As you can imagine, the pressure is growing.

Sincerely and respectfully,

Lue Elizondo

(b)(6)

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Sent: Thursday, June 6, 2019 1:09 PM
To: (b)(6)
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Signed By: (b)(6)

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Mr. Sherwood,
If it is at all helpful, below are a couple draft statements for your consideration should they be useful.

"Mr. Elizondo was an employee within the OUSDI and during this period he engaged in other duties as assigned including efforts involving AATIP"

Or...

"While assigned to OUSDI, Mr. Elizondo performed other duties as assigned involving AATIP. Those duties were conducted under the auspices of OSD rather than OUSDI specifically"

Regards,
Lue

(b)(6)

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From: "Lue Abcde" <(b)(6)>

To: "(b)(6)"

(b)(6)

Cc:

Sent: Thu, Jun 6, 2019 at 9:23 AM

Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Substantiating documentation - Elizondo

Thank you Mr. Sherwood for your response. For the sake of clarity, please be advised that the activities of AATIP never ended and the effort was never "disestablished". Although the initial funding for the effort may have terminated in 2012, the effort remained in tact. This too can be substantiated by many within the department and additional documentation.

Regarding the "semantics" of my duties...I will be satisfied with a simple statement that:

- 1) I was an OUSDI employee up until the point of my resignation
- 2) I performed other duties as assigned and managing AATIP being one of those duties.

If it is more palatable for those in OUSDI who have issue with me, it can further be clarified that I was performing those duties under the authorities of OSD, rather than OUSDI specifically.

Again, thank you for your time to this important matter. What is your estimated date of resolution regarding this matter? I am hoping for closure as soon as possible.

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In conclusion, it seems clear to me and others that there exists an extreme miscommunication among OUSDI staff. I truly hope we can resolve this amicably.

What a sad statement it is that instead of being rewarded for my initiative and persistence, for diligently pursuing an issue so many others were willing to duck, some in the department are instead trying to destroy my career and reputation by sowing disinformation. To reiterate, I was an OUSDI staff member while working with the AATIP portfolio up until the point of my departure. This was previously verified by the DoD Press Secretary in 2017. Check Neil's calendar and you will be able to confirm these meetings occurred -- a small sample of the total number of meetings I was having on a weekly and near daily basis at the time.

I know that you are trying to be a fair and honest broker. I hope you will therefore take this letter in the spirit of a former colleague merely seeking to set the record straight.

Please advise receipt of this communication if you would at your earliest convenience. I am holding off media requests and will continue to do so until I hear from you. As you can imagine, the pressure is growing.

Sincerely and respectfully,

Lue Elizondo

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From: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA)
Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2019 10:24 AM
To: Bryan Bender
Subject: RE: Elizondo
Signed By: (b)(6)

Bryan,

I'm still working with the OUSD(I) staff for any clarifying information I can provide.

With regard to the original statement, because I provided a public statement, I have to provide it to other reporters who ask for it. Or they will just FOIA for it. I'm happy to discuss with you where we are with this effort. I have no additional statements or comments on this.

Sincerely,
Chris

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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Elizondo

So now you are sharing the statement you gave the intercept with others reporters? And putting out more false or misleading information? Can't tell you how frustrating it is that OSD can't put out accurate information. If it's ok with you I'd like to talk to someone else over there.

Sent from my iPhone

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Sent: Thursday, June 6, 2019 2:15 PM
To: (b)(6)
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Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 11:18 AM
To: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA); (b)(6)
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Christopher,

See attached image. This is claimed to be Luis Elizondo's resignation letter from DoD. I just need to verify if it is real and authentic.

I also look forward to you clarifying my previous questions verifying Elizondo's involvement with AATIP.

Thanks!

Steven Greenstreet

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From: (b)(6); (b)(3):10 USC § 424
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From: Steven Greenstreet (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2019 1:00 PM
To: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] More Elizondo support materials needed

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We are waiting on any/all documentation you can provide before readdressing the deadline. Thank you.

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On Fri, May 31, 2019 at 12:56 PM Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA)

<(b)(6)> > wrote:

Steven,

I working to get you a response. What time is your deadline today? I'll provide you what I have asap.

Sincerely,

Chris

Christopher Sherwood

Office of the Secretary of Defense

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From: Steven Greenstreet <(b)(6)>
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From: CHRIS MELLON (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, June 3, 2019 12:36 PM
To: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Lue Elizondo/AATIP
Attachments: AATIP 1.pdf; Reid_Letter_to_Lynn-1.pdf

Categories: Purple Category, Red Category

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From: Alejandro Rojas (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, June 3, 2019 3:19 PM
To: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Luis Elizondo and AATIP

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Hello,

I have covered this story in articles for HUFFPOST and Den of Geek, and I would like to get some clarification on a comment you made to Keith Kloor for The Intercept.

You are quoted as saying “Mr. Elizondo had no responsibilities with regard to the AATIP program while he worked in OUSDI [the Office of Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence], up until the time he resigned effective 10/4/2017.”

Did you mean that your are certain Elizondo did not work on AATIP or that you had no information that could confirm he worked on AATIP? Have you received any new information that would change your comment to Kloor?

I know you are aware of the comment made by your colleague Dana White confirming Elizondo's involvement with AATIP to Politico. Do you have any reason to doubt her statement?

As you may be aware, there is a document leaked by KLAS in Las Vegas that former senator Harry Reid has confirmed is real that lists Elizondo as a member of AATIP. I have also received confirmation from a contractor who is also listed in that document that he worked with Elizondo in the program.

Any help you can give me will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Kind regards,

Alejandro Rojas

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Wednesday, June 5, 2019 11:15 AM

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Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA)

Subject:

Elizondo & Transfer of AATIP

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From: MJ Banias (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2019 4:36 PM
To: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] [Press Inquiry] re: Elizondo/AATIP

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Good Day Mr. Sherwood,

I am an author and journalist who has worked with Vice and Mysterious Universe. I am currently doing research into the Pentagon UFO program, known as AATIP. I recently read in an Intercept article that you stated Elizondo did not work with the AATIP program.

I am drafting an article for Vice regarding this issue. Can you comment on two questions I have?

1) Why did former press contact at the Pentagon Dana White confirm with Politico's Bryan Bender that Elizondo did work and run the AATIP program? See link: [Caution-https://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2017/12/16/pentagon-ufo-search-harry-reid-216111](https://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2017/12/16/pentagon-ufo-search-harry-reid-216111) < [Caution-https://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2017/12/16/pentagon-ufo-search-harry-reid-216111](https://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2017/12/16/pentagon-ufo-search-harry-reid-216111) >

2) Recently, George Knapp released an image of a document with Elizondo's name on it re: the creation of AATIP. I've attached said image.

Can you clarify the position of the Pentagon as to whether Elizondo did run the AATIP program? Moreover, why did your predecessor Dana White state that he did run AATIP?

Thank you for your time,

—
MJ Banias



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From: Bryan Bender <(b)(6)>
Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2019 9:36 AM
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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Elizondo

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From: Bryan Bender (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2019 10:35 AM
To: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA)
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I appreciate your effort to provide more complete information. And realize it is not the easiest task in this case..But the fact is the Department of Defense is officially pushing a false narrative that is refuted by the accounts of multiple others who worked on and were aware of the program — as well as DoD documents. If I were Elizondo I'd consider suing the Intercept and the Department of Defense if the record is not corrected in a timely manner.

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> On Jun 5, 2019, at 7:24 AM, Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA) (b)(6) wrote:

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> Bryan,
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> I'm still working with the OUSD(I) staff for any clarifying information I can provide.
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> With regard to the original statement, because I provided a public statement, I have to provide it to other reporters who ask for it. Or they will just FOIA for it. I'm happy to discuss with you where we are with this effort. I have no additional statements or comments on this.

>
> Sincerely,
> Chris
> _____
> Christopher Sherwood
> Office of the Secretary of Defense

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Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2019 11:17 AM
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Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Lue Elizondo/AATIP

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Mr. Carranza,

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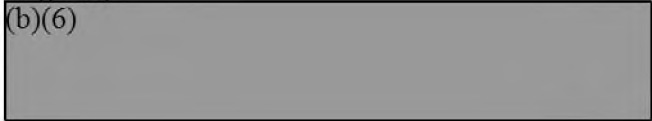


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Sent: Thursday, June 6, 2019 6:52 AM
To: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA)
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Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] AATIP / Luis Elizondo
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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2019 2:17 PM
To: (b)(6); (b)(3):10 USC § 424
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] AATIP / Luis Elizondo

Hello (b)(6); (b)(3):10 USC § 424

I hope you are well. I do not know if you remember me, but we chatted months ago. I make television and radio appearances, and also write extensively, about various topics. I also work as a television producer for various networks. You and I corresponded about AATIP / AAWSAP in the past.

In short, I wanted to touch base. I know that Mr. Chris Sherwood at the Pentagon released a new statement regarding AATIP and Luis Elizondo. From my understanding, I believe he had reached out to you during the process. Can I ask – if I may – if you could send the recent talking points sent out from DIA regarding Mr. Luis Elizondo? I'd like to just bridge the gap, if I could, from the DIA side to see if Mr. Elizondo had any role in this program.

Thank you for your time, and in advance, for what you can send me.

Sincerely,

John Greenewald, Jr.
Owner/Founder

The Black Vault

<http://www.theblackvault.com>

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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Substantiating documentation - Elizondo
Attachments: Lue_Elizond_Mission_Transfer_Documentation(2).pdf

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Hi Chris:

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Subject: (b)(6) (USA)
Signed By: RE: Elizondo & Transfer of AATIP (b)(6)

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Subject: RE: Elizondo & Transfer of AATIP

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Subject: RE: Elizondo & Transfer of AATIP

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Regards,

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Subject: Elizondo & Transfer of AATIP

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From: Lue Abcde <(b)(6)>
Sent: Thursday, June 6, 2019 1:03 PM
To: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA)
Subject: Fw: [Non-DoD Source] Substantiating documentation - Elizondo

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Mr. Sherwood,
If it is at all helpful, below are a couple draft statements for your consideration should they be useful.

"Mr. Elizondo was an employee within the OUSDI and during this period he engaged in other duties as assigned including efforts involving AATIP"

Or...

"While assigned to OUSDI, Mr. Elizondo performed other duties as assigned involving AATIP. Those duties were conducted under the auspices of OSD rather than OUSDI specifically"

Regards,
Lue

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Sent: Thu, Jun 6, 2019 at 9:23 AM
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Substantiating documentation - Elizondo

Thank you Mr. Sherwood for your response. For the sake of clarity, please be advised that the activities of AATIP never ended and the effort was never "disestablished". Although the initial funding for the effort may have terminated in 2012, the effort remained in tact. This too can be substantiated by many within the department and additional documentation.

Regarding the "semantics" of my duties...I will be satisfied with a simple statement that:

- 1) I was an OUSDI employee up until the point of my resignation
- 2) I performed other duties as assigned and managing AATIP being one of those duties.

If it is more palatable for those in OUSDI who have issue with me, it can further be clarified that I was performing those duties under the authorities of OSD, rather than OUSDI specifically.

Again, thank you for your time to this important matter. What is your estimated date of resolution regarding this matter? I am hoping for closure as soon as possible.

Regards,
Lue

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On Thu, Jun 6, 2019 at 9:12 AM, Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA)

(b)(6) wrote:

Mr. Elizondo,

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Thank you again,

Chris

Christopher Sherwood

Office of the Secretary of Defense

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From: Lue Abcde <(b)(6)>
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From: CHRIS MELLON (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, June 6, 2019 8:11 PM
To: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Lue Elizondo

Hi Chris:

I just got off the phone with Brad Byers and wanted to mention a few things that I hope prove helpful.

First of all, Brad recalls meeting with Neil and Lue in his office (which was within the SecDefs front office) and recalls that

Neil was accepting the AATIP project and adding it to his portfolio. Easy to call Brad to confirm. Brad also told me the same thing around the time and I believe that at least some of the Navy guys also knew this was the plan. At the time most seemed to think it was a good solution.

Call it AATIP or whatever you will, but from my vantage and Brad's the meetings Lue was hosting and the actions he was taking were official USG business.

Obviously Lue was not personally benefiting in any way and the sole purpose of his actions was to find ways of identifying unknown intruders into US airspace. How is that not a natural role for a USDI official? Does that require special permission from mom? Of course not, you don't need a special piece of paper that authorizes you to follow every lead or concern or hold meetings in an official capacity to investigate national security issues when you are on the OSD staff. But in this case, since there was an official AATIP program that was never dis-established this seems even less of a non-issue.

Regardless, it is patently clear to all concerned that Lue was leading on the issue, either as an AATIP official or simply out of personal conviction, regardless, Lue was UNDENIABLY active and involved in investigating UAPs on a DoD and interagency basis. If someone wants to claim he was outside his lane they can do so, but nobody can deny that Lue continued to investigate and coordinate and lead. The White House liaison to OSD has already confirmed this and others within the SecDef's front office who I can name will perhaps be forced to do so as well if his active role is not acknowledged and this becomes a legal fracas (ugh).

Obviously the Navy and some intel agencies were cooperating and collaborating with Lue. This is beyond dispute. So why are you publicly suggesting that Lue had no involvement with the UFO issue after funding lapsed for AATIP? Officially or not, Lue was engaged and leading to the extent he could and we all now know that his instincts were proven correct: his concerns have been vindicated by the US Navy itself.

How typical and sad that some people in OSD are now trying to attack him because of petty bureaucratic turf squabbles. I predict they are going to look pretty bad when this all comes out, a mess that could be averted if you merely acknowledge the plain and obvious truth that Lue remained very active on the UAP issue during his time in OSD. If you want to say it wasn't "official" well of course that is your call, but why create the impression that Lue was not actively involved when the documentary record and testimony of our own Navy people shows in black in white not only that he was involved but he was clearly passing the baton to Neil? *You also now have confirmation from Brad that Neil accepted the responsibility.* That was also my clear recollection in discussing this with Brad at the time (we are long-time friends) as well as with Lue. I believe

(b)(6) and other Navy guys knew this too.

Senator Harry Reid is prepared to issue a statement and this is likely to quickly become a whistleblower type story. Lots of Navy pilots are grateful to Lue for doing what everyone else at DOD failed to do! Take interest in their predicament! It seems obvious that this is going to look to the whole world like DoD trying to punish Lue for going public with the UFO issue. Full stop. That will be the issue.

Why would Lue write the resignation letter he wrote to Mattis, whom he served under in Kabul in an important CI capacity, if he was not involved in the UAP issue in recent years? The letter sure looks and sounds official; and Brad and I and others who attended meetings Lue hosted on this issue with USN and IC personnel present certainly believed everything Lue was doing was official. We all did. What else could we have thought in such a situation? Everyone's clearances were checked, everyone badged, everything looking and feeling as official as it could be. The better question is why weren't more people at USDI taking action and trying to determine who is spying on carrier battle groups right off the coast of VA?!

When the emails you have been getting on Lue's behalf from inside the building come out, together with the emails sent to you by me and others, how are you going to sustain the fiction that Lue had nothing to do with UFOs after AATIP funding lapsed? Incidentally, where is the document disestablishing AATIP as an official activity and shutting it down? How is it going to look when so many people inside the department contradict your narrative suggesting Lue had nothing to do with UFOs in recent years?

By contrast, I think that if you will simply acknowledge that Lue remained active on the issue he will back off. Lue is a proud man and I predict he will fight this all the way if necessary to preserve his honor and I would not be surprised if his friends on the oversight committees and media engage on his behalf. Is that what you want? Why unnecessarily drag everyone into this mess instead of simply acknowledging that Lue was indeed actively engaged on this matters even if he was stretching the bounds of his office and authority?

I apologize for the length of this email. Consider it a last ditch effort to prevent a train wreck that will distract us all from the real issue at hand: who is doing recon on the fleet and other military facilities and what are their intentions?

Good luck with this.

Sincerely,

~Chris

PS: I understand that OSD PA did not bless the release of the videos but they were officially declassified and "CLEARED for Open Publication August 24, 2017" by the Defense Office of Pre-publication and Security Review. Navy has the documentation as I believe do many others.

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From:

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Sent:

Monday, June 10, 2019 10:18 AM

To:

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Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA)

Subject:

[Non-DoD Source] RE: 2009 Harry Reid Letter / Luis Elizondo - Reason to doubt authenticity

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I hope you both had a great weekend.

I just wanted to circle back and see if you may help me with the below?

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

John Greenewald, Jr.

Owner/Founder

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From: (b)(6)

Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2019 7:13 AM

To: (b)(6)

'Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA)'

(b)(6)

Subject: 2009 Harry Reid Letter / Luis Elizondo - Reason to doubt authenticity

Dear (b)(6) and Mr. Sherwood,

I understand I may be overstaying my welcome, and I apologize. I feel this information may be important to you, and assist with a few pieces of evidence from the FOIA side. I would love to get a comment in regards to the below (or clarification), but understand you are both incredibly busy fielding probably hundreds of inquiries on this. I'll make it as brief as possible, but I hope this may help.

I am sure you are getting bombarded with letters regarding the post of a "leaked" June 24, 2009 letter from Senator Harry Reid which contains the name of Luis Elizondo. The provenance (if you call it that) is that it was first published by a journalist in Las Vegas, Mr. George Knapp, from KLAS-TV and was labeled a leak with no source. This letter pre-dates Mr. Elizondo's claim of heading the AATIP program by at least 5 months, so I am unsure why so many are hailing such evidence, but alas... here is what I wanted to pass on, and hopefully, obtain a comment on:

For some background: In FOIA case #09-F-1406 (yes, that's '09 and not '19) I just so happened to have requested in 2009 a copy of all Congressional correspondence letters sent, from February 2009 through July 2009, which were received by OSD. I received more than 700+ pages in response to that FOIA, in three rolling releases. That letter was NOT in the releases. I am digging out the FOIA response letters to see if something was cited as withheld, but wanted to offer an additional piece of evidence, which leads to my question.

In FOIA case 18-F-1268, I requested Congressional Correspondence Logs for 2007 and 2009. In the 2009 portion of the log, Senator Harry Reid sent two letters on the same that I can see, both of which are not the "leaked" letter. FOIA request 19-F-0948, is still open, but specifically requests that letter itself. However, my first two cases cited above gives more than enough reason to doubt it's authenticity.

It is my understanding, even in 2009 (as indicated by the log) each letter is given a control number and put on the log sheet. Given the fact that the logs for those two years stretch more than 1,000 pages, I assume that is adhered to quite strictly.

Let me be clear, I am not insinuating a cover-up, but rather, I have concerns that "leaked" letter is real, or if so, was ever sent to OSD.

1) Can I ask for a comment on the above? Can the DOD confirm that letter was ever received or responded to?

I appreciate any insight or guidance. I feel this is a very important newsworthy topic (given the amount of attention this is getting), and I feel my information above is a rather unique contribution and angle for the next story I am writing, hence why I would be very interested in any comment.

Thank you for your time and attention. Again, my apologies for my emails, as I am not trying to overwhelm your staff.

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To: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Elizondo

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It really is a shame that you all are too timid or too ill-equipped to correct the record on an individual who spent 20 years in service to the military and whose entire professional reputation is in jeopardy. It is not my job to defend Luis Elizondo but if the Pentagon refuses to correct the record I think it becomes newsworthy. Why is OSD disowning him and AATIP. At a time when the Navy is actually being more forward leaning on the issue at the request of Congress? I will want to talk to Garry Reid in OSD for the story. I have also put in requests for Senators Warner and Rubio, who recently pressed the Navy to issue its new directive on UAP reporting after being briefed by pilots.

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Media outlets outstanding queries:

The Intercept, Keith Kloor
POLITICO, Bryan Bender
VICE, MJ Banias
HUFFPOST, Alejandro Rojas
The War Zone, Joseph Trevithick
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Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Lue Elizondo/AATIP

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Thanks,
Chris

Christopher Sherwood
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From: CHRIS MELLON (b)(6)

Sent: Monday, June 3, 2019 12:36 PM

To: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA) (b)(6)

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Lue Elizondo/AATIP

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Hi Chris:

Attached are a two examples of the documentation Lue may feel compelled to release if there is not a clarification of his continuing active role in coordinating activities with Navy and other agencies related to UAP issues right up until his departure and resignation from OSD.

Frankly, it might well be to Lue's benefit and that of TTSA and the History Channel to have a pissing match about this with DoD/OSD but personally I'd hate to see that. I'm glad that does not seem to have occurred to Lue yet but it may become unavoidable if there is not some clarification since his integrity is publicly being called into question.

I also want to point out that Lue insists that he was NOT detailed to DIA, another falsehood according to Lue.

I know your office and its credo very well and fully understand that you and your colleagues are absolutely committed to being as transparent as possible. There is not the least question in my mind regarding your integrity or that of your colleagues in OSD Public Affairs based on serving in OSD during 2 Administrations. However, you have clearly have not been given a full or complete picture on this issue.

I hope this information proves useful. There is much more than this sample. Lue has a lot of friends on the inside who I believe will continue to push out more unclassified information on his behalf if this becomes a pissing match. Indeed one of them will soon be appearing on the History Channel show talking about their work with Lue on these matters AFTER the time period you seem to believe he was no longer involved with AATIP (although that individuals identify is protected).

I hope this information proves useful. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Lue cherishes his relationship with DoD and does not want to escalate this but as you can imagine after the intercept story by Kloor pressure is building on him to respond.

In my view it is probably best for you to continue this discussion directly with Lue going forward; it is not really my affair, but I did want to give you a head's up as I can see where this may be heading and it seems to me to be preferable to avert a public clash over this if possible.

Sincerely,

~Christopher Mellon

(b)(6)

PS: Last week I appeared on GMA, Fox, Inside Edition etc. Below is a sample. I imagine I may be asked to comment publicly on this issue soon myself. If so, obviously I will have no choice but to set the record straight. Lue was clearly continuing to work the UAP issue at a high level right up until the end.

Here is where I am coming from on the larger UAP issue if interested:

Caution-<https://www.foxnews.com/science/christopher-mellon-official-ufo-sightings-real> < Caution-
<https://www.foxnews.com/science/christopher-mellon-official-ufo-sightings-real> >

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From: Lue Abcde <(b)(6)>
Sent: Thursday, June 6, 2019 12:24 PM
To: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Substantiating documentation - Elizondo

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Thank you Mr. Sherwood for your response. For the sake of clarity, please be advised that the activities of AATIP never ended and the effort was never "disestablished". Although the initial funding for the effort may have terminated in 2012, the effort remained in tact. This too can be substantiated by many within the department and additional documentation.

Regarding the "semantics" of my duties...I will be satisfied with a simple statement that:

- 1) I was an OUSDI employee up until the point of my resignation
- 2) I performed other duties as assigned and managing AATIP being one of those duties.

If it is more palatable for those in OUSDI who have issue with me, it can further be clarified that I was performing those duties under the authorities of OSD, rather than OUSDI specifically.

Again, thank you for your time to this important matter. What is your estimated date of resolution regarding this matter? I am hoping for closure as soon as possible.

Regards,
Lue

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On Thu, Jun 6, 2019 at 9:12 AM, Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA)

<(b)(6)> wrote:

Mr. Elizondo,

Thank you for the information, and what you have provided below. I am working with OUSD(I), the Navy and others to gain an accurate understanding of your duties after the ATTIP program ended. I believe it may be semantics on how to categorize your duties. I will keep you apprised of any additional statements or clarification of your duties while at OUSD(I).

Thank you again,

Chris

Christopher Sherwood

Office of the Secretary of Defense

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From: Lue Abcde <(b)(6)>

Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2019 3:47 PM

To: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA) <(b)(6)>

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Substantiating documentation - Elizondo

Hi Chris:

I am reaching out in a final effort to avoid seeing this unfortunate situation escalate. As a soldier and public servant with decades of unblemished service, these false accusations are personally painful as you can well imagine. Moreover, the clearly inaccurate information released by your office has the potential to profoundly damage my career and with it my ability to provide for my wife and family.

In that regard, attached you will find a sample of unclassified correspondence that clearly demonstrates how active I remained on the UAP issue right up until my departure, to include interagency coordination with the IC on this important issue and operational collaboration with the US Navy. The transition plans referenced herein were briefed to and approved by a senior political appointee who reported directly to General Mattis. Some of the F-18 pilots and Navy officials can confirm multiple

briefings and discussions with this individual and others, to include Congress. Some of these discussions and briefings actually occurred inside the SecDef's personal office suite. That is why my emails reference "the front office."

Officials from other agencies and departments (ie DIA and CIA) attended meetings I held to coordinate activities on this topic in support of the men and women in the US Navy, who as you know were and still are deeply perplexed and concerned by this phenomenon. AATIP was an official program that was never shut down, when the funding dried-up I continued to lead and interact with officials in DoD and other agencies to the best of my ability in the interest of national security. When I departed, as is clear from my resignation letter, it was purely out of frustration with my ability to gain additional traction and support. But I put my shoulder to the wheel all those years and worked diligently to maintain a focus on the AATIP issue and continued to coordinate and promote collection and analysis. Call it an "activity" vs a "program" if you will, but if this escalates it will be easy to prove how active I remained in support of our men and women in uniform, especially in the US Navy. If some who were not privy to my actions want to portray me as a rogue, well bad on them for sitting on their hands and doing nothing about recurring intrusions into US airspace and military operating areas and good on me for continuing to risk my reputation and career in support of the US Navy and the nation. Personally, it is outrageous so many others did so little in the face of what the Navy now publicly acknowledges is serious national security issue. The plain truth is that I did everything I could to maintain focus and attention on this vital issue when so many others continued to sweep it under the rug purely for fear of the stigma and possible impact on their reputations. And for that the department wants to make me out to be the bad guy? An imposter? For showing initiative and support to the Navy and others? For keeping this effort going as best I could -- an effort now fully vindicated by the Navy itself?

As you can well imagine, I am not only hurt and disappointed but angry. I should if anything be getting accolades for persistence and initiative, especially since the Navy has now publicly acknowledged the seriousness of the issue, something that only occurred because of my efforts. Instead, a knife in the back? Wow, thanks guys! If the department wants to have this out in public we can certainly do so. I can easily establish that Neil took the meetings referenced in these emails and that this plan was blessed by an individual who has departed but was at the time a senior Administration appointee and directly reported to General Mattis. Do you honestly think I made up the stuff in these emails? Really? Check Neil's calendars and you will see these meetings occurred (as well as innumerable other meetings on my calendars).

I am providing these documents to you to afford you and the Department a final opportunity to correct the record. Meanwhile, I am being pushed into a corner as you can well imagine and will soon be forced to engage an attorney and respond. The oversight committees are also well aware of my role and I believe appreciative of my efforts.

In conclusion, it seems clear to me and others that there exists an extreme miscommunication among OUSDI staff. I truly hope we can resolve this amicably.

What a sad statement it is that instead of being rewarded for my initiative and persistence, for diligently pursuing an issue so many others were willing to duck, some in the department are instead trying to destroy my career and reputation by sowing disinformation. To reiterate, I was an OUSDI staff member while working with the AATIP portfolio up until the point of my departure. This was previously verified by the DoD Press Secretary in 2017. Check Neil's calendar and you will be able to confirm these meetings occurred -- a small sample of the total number of meetings I was having on a weekly and near daily basis at the time.

I know that you are trying to be a fair and honest broker. I hope you will therefore take this letter in the spirit of a former colleague merely seeking to set the record straight.

Please advise receipt of this communication if you would at your earliest convenience. I am holding off media requests and will continue to do so until I hear from you. As you can imagine, the pressure is growing.

Sincerely and respectfully,

Lue Elizondo

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, June 6, 2019 3:58 PM
To: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA)
Subject: RE: TL Card on ATTIP & Elizondo
Attachments: 20190606 TL ATTIP.docx
Signed By: (b)(6)

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From: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA) (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, June 6, 2019 2:15 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: TL Card on ATTIP & Elizondo

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2019 11:15 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: 2009 Harry Reid Letter / Luis Elizondo - Reason to doubt authenticity

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Good morning,

I appreciate your reply, and I completely understand. Not my intention to create more for your workload. A quick request if I can ask – can I get a copy and paste of the previous statements given to NY Post, The Intercept Keith Kloor, etc. regarding AATIP and Mr. Luis Elizondo? I like to show direct provenance on where I got there, with attribution, to ensure accuracy when I publish (ie: I am not quoting another journalist who is quoting you etc.). I am also trying to make sure those statements are not changing.

Back to the Reid letter – one minor correction, I archived the documents from 09-F-1406, but it was not my request as I originally stated in my past email. I mis-read my notes and I apologize! That was actually from OSD's FOIA reading room (which is still there), and the Reid letter is not in that release. I did, however, request the log myself, which it also did not appear, and also now on OSDs reading room, another copy exists, and it is not there either. In short – I have grave concerns this letter is a fake or never sent, but want to make sure that is accurate to print.

I did figure out (if this saves you time) Harry Reid sent two letters that day, according to the log. One I have, and it's not it. The other I requested via FOIA, and it was transferred to the USAF and I am waiting for the response. Maybe you can help, and confirm if OSD007108-09, is the letter in question? I highly doubt it – since it was transferred to USAF – but if you can at least confirm that's not it, then we can safely say its not on the log.

The next question, would be is that abnormal for a letter to not appear in the log sheet to get a control number?

Thank you again for ANY information you can give.

Sincerely,

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Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: 2009 Harry Reid Letter / Luis Elizondo - Reason to doubt authenticity

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Regards,

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Sent: Monday, June 10, 2019 10:18 AM
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Sent: Monday, June 10, 2019 4:12 PM
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(b)(6); (b)(3):10
Subject: RE: Restated Question(s): Elizondo and UAPs
Signed By: (b)(6)

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Ladies and gentlemen,

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2019 7:02 PM
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WHS HRD (USA)
Cc: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA)
Subject: (U//~~FOUO~~) Elizondo Employment
Attachments: Copy of Elizondo v1.xlsx
Signed By: (b)(6)
Importance: High

(b)(6) Mr. Kapellas,
(b)(5)

Regards,
(b)(6)

From: Kapellas, Christopher A (Kappy) SES WHS HRD (USA); (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 3:31 PM
To: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA); (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6); WHS HRD (USA); (b)(6); (b)(6)
Subject: FW: (U//~~FOUO~~) [Non-DoD Source] New York Post questions re: AATIP

Chris,
(b)(5)

Kappy

From: (b)(6); WHS HRD (USA); (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 1:01 PM
To: Kapellas, Christopher A (Kappy) SES WHS HRD (USA); (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6); WHS HRD (USA); (b)(6); (b)(6); WHS HRD (USA); (b)(6); (b)(6); WHS HRD (USA); (b)(6)
Subject: RE: (U//~~FOUO~~) [Non-DoD Source] New York Post questions re: AATIP

Kappy,

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Please let me know if you need anything further on this one.

Thanks (b)(6)

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Assistant Director, Customer Account Manager Division
Human Resources Directorate
Washington Headquarters Services

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From: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA) (b)(6)

Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 3:20 PM

To: Kapellas, Christopher A (Kappy) SES WHS HRD (USA) (b)(6)

Cc: (b)(6) (b)(6)

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Subject: RE: (U//~~FOUO~~) [Non-DoD Source] New York Post questions re: AATIP

Mr. Kapellas,

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<https://www.history.com/shows/unidentified-inside-americas-ufo-investigation>

V/r,
Chris

Christopher Sherwood
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From: Kapellas, Christopher A (Kappy) SES WHS HRD (USA) (b)(6)

Sent: Friday, May 3, 2019 12:43 PM

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Chris,

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From: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA) (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, May 3, 2019 11:08 AM
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Mr. Kapellas,

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Thank you,
Chris

Christopher Sherwood
[Office of the Secretary of Defense](#)

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Chris,

Per the comments from Neill and (b)(6) (b)(5)

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Thanks!

Matt

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Matthew C. Cummings, DISL

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Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: 2009 Harry Reid Letter / Luis Elizondo - Reason to doubt authenticity
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John,

I can confirm that the memo you're referring to is authentic. DOD received it and responded to Sen. Reid. I cannot provide you with the response; we do not release correspondence between DOD and members of Congress.

I'm still working on getting answers to your other questions.

Regards,

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Good morning,

I appreciate your reply, and I completely understand. Not my intention to create more for your workload. A quick request if I can ask – can I get a copy and paste of the previous statements given to NY Post, The Intercept Keith Kloor, etc. regarding AATIP and Mr. Luis Elizondo? I like to show direct provenance on where I got there, with attribution, to ensure accuracy when I publish (ie: I am not quoting another journalist who is quoting you etc.). I am also trying to make sure those statements are not changing.

Back to the Reid letter – one minor correction, I archived the documents from 09-F-1406, but it was not my request as I originally stated in my past email. I mis-read my notes and I apologize! That was actually from OSD's FOIA reading room (which is still there), and the Reid letter is not in that release. I did, however, request the log myself, which it also did not

appear, and also now on OSDs reading room, another copy exists, and it is not there either. In short – I have grave concerns this letter is a fake or never sent, but want to make sure that is accurate to print.

I did figure out (if this saves you time) Harry Reid sent two letters that day, according to the log. One I have, and it's not it. The other I requested via FOIA, and it was transferred to the USAF and I am waiting for the response. Maybe you can help, and confirm if OSD007108-09, is the letter in question? I highly doubt it – since it was transferred to USAF – but if you can at least confirm that's not it, then we can safely say its not on the log.

The next question, would be is that abnormal for a letter to not appear in the log sheet to get a control number?

Thank you again for ANY information you can give.

Sincerely,

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Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: 2009 Harry Reid Letter / Luis Elizondo - Reason to doubt authenticity

Hi John,
Trying to get you an answer on this. Not an easy or quick process, since the letter in question is @10 years old now.

Regards,

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I hope you both had a great weekend.

I just wanted to circle back and see if you may help me with the below?

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

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Subject: 2009 Harry Reid Letter / Luis Elizondo - Reason to doubt authenticity

Dear (b)(6) and Mr. Sherwood,

I understand I may be overstaying my welcome, and I apologize. I feel this information may be important to you, and assist with a few pieces of evidence from the FOIA side. I would love to get a comment in regards to the below (or

clarification), but understand you are both incredibly busy fielding probably hundreds of inquiries on this. I'll make it as brief as possible, but I hope this may help.

I am sure you are getting bombarded with letters regarding the post of a "leaked" June 24, 2009 letter from Senator Harry Reid which contains the name of Luis Elizondo. The provenance (if you call it that) is that it was first published by a journalist in Las Vegas, Mr. George Knapp, from KLAS-TV and was labeled a leak with no source. This letter pre-dates Mr. Elizondo's claim of heading the AATIP program by at least 5 months, so I am unsure why so many are hailing such evidence, but alas... here is what I wanted to pass on, and hopefully, obtain a comment on:

For some background: In FOIA case #09-F-1406 (yes, that's '09 and not '19) I just so happened to have requested in 2009 a copy of all Congressional correspondence letters sent, from February 2009 through July 2009, which were received by OSD. I received more than 700+ pages in response to that FOIA, in three rolling releases. That letter was NOT in the releases. I am digging out the FOIA response letters to see if something was cited as withheld, but wanted to offer an additional piece of evidence, which leads to my question.

In FOIA case 18-F-1268, I requested Congressional Correspondence Logs for 2007 and 2009. In the 2009 portion of the log, Senator Harry Reid sent two letters on the same that I can see, both of which are not the "leaked" letter. FOIA request 19-F-0948, is still open, but specifically requests that letter itself. However, my first two cases cited above gives more than enough reason to doubt it's authenticity.

It is my understanding, even in 2009 (as indicated by the log) each letter is given a control number and put on the log sheet. Given the fact that the logs for those two years stretch more than 1,000 pages, I assume that is adhered to quite strictly.

Let me be clear, I am not insinuating a cover-up, but rather, I have concerns that "leaked" letter is real, or if so, was ever sent to OSD.

1) Can I ask for a comment on the above? Can the DOD confirm that letter was ever received or responded to?

I appreciate any insight or guidance. I feel this is a very important newsworthy topic (given the amount of attention this is getting), and I feel my information above is a rather unique contribution and angle for the next story I am writing, hence why I would be very interested in any comment.

Thank you for your time and attention. Again, my apologies for my emails, as I am not trying to overwhelm your staff.

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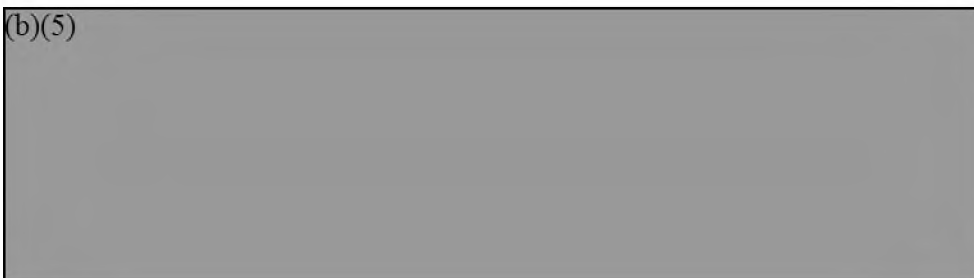
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1) Can I ask for a comment on the above? Can the DOD confirm that letter was ever received or responded to?

I appreciate any insight or guidance. I feel this is a very important newsworthy topic (given the amount of attention this is getting), and I feel my information above is a rather unique contribution and angle for the next story I am writing, hence why I would be very interested in any comment.

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Thank you for the clarification. No problem!

This has all been extremely useful. I assume what you have written me, is ok to attribute to you, correct?

This may be a long shot – but is there any elaboration that you can give on what Mr. Elizondo’s “interaction” with DIA during the time AATIP was?

Thank you again for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: 2009 Harry Reid Letter / Luis Elizondo - Reason to doubt authenticity

John,

Sorry, ignore that line, that was purely just an accidental misstatement on my part, as I was working on a totally unrelated subject. Let me restate for you:

It makes no change to previous statements. Mr. Elizondo had no assigned responsibilities for AATIP while he was in OUSD(I). DIA administered AATIP, and Elizondo was never assigned to DIA. Elizondo did interact with the DIA office managing the program while the program was still ongoing, but he did not lead it.

Regards,

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Thank you for that. That is great to know and very useful.

One clarification, if I may? "This memo was what initiated the program." The memo indicated the program was already under way that previous September (2008). Can I ask what you meant by this line?

Thank you in advance! This is all incredibly helpful for this article...

Sincerely,

John Greenwald, Jr.
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Thank you, I appreciate your message. It is very helpful.

Can I ask – does this potentially change previous statements about Mr. Elizondo’s claim of directorship of the AATIP program? His PR agent back in 2018 said he “took over” the program at OUSDI in 2010, so this letter pre-dates that claim.

I appreciate any insight.

Sincerely,

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John,

I can confirm that the memo you're referring to is authentic. DOD received it and responded to Sen. Reid. I cannot provide you with the response; we do not release correspondence between DOD and members of Congress.

I'm still working on getting answers to your other questions.

Regards,

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Good morning,

I appreciate your reply, and I completely understand. Not my intention to create more for your workload. A quick request if I can ask – can I get a copy and paste of the previous statements given to NY Post, The Intercept Keith Kloor, etc. regarding AATIP and Mr. Luis Elizondo? I like to show direct provenance on where I got there, with attribution, to ensure accuracy when I publish (ie: I am not quoting another journalist who is quoting you etc.). I am also trying to make sure those statements are not changing.

Back to the Reid letter – one minor correction, I archived the documents from 09-F-1406, but it was not my request as I originally stated in my past email. I mis-read my notes and I apologize! That was actually from OSD's FOIA reading room (which is still there), and the Reid letter is not in that release. I did, however, request the log myself, which it also did not appear, and also now on OSDs reading room, another copy exists, and it is not there either. In short – I have grave concerns this letter is a fake or never sent, but want to make sure that is accurate to print.

I did figure out (if this saves you time) Harry Reid sent two letters that day, according to the log. One I have, and it's not it. The other I requested via FOIA, and it was transferred to the USAF and I am waiting for the response. Maybe you can help, and confirm if OSD007108-09, is the letter in question? I highly doubt it – since it was transferred to USAF – but if you can at least confirm that's not it, then we can safely say its not on the log.

The next question, would be is that abnormal for a letter to not appear in the log sheet to get a control number?

Thank you again for ANY information you can give.

Sincerely,

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Hi John,

Trying to get you an answer on this. Not an easy or quick process, since the letter in question is @10 years old now.

Regards,

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I hope you both had a great weekend.

I just wanted to circle back and see if you may help me with the below?

Thank you for your time and attention.

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Dear (b)(6) and Mr. Sherwood,

I understand I may be overstaying my welcome, and I apologize. I feel this information may be important to you, and assist with a few pieces of evidence from the FOIA side. I would love to get a comment in regards to the below (or clarification), but understand you are both incredibly busy fielding probably hundreds of inquiries on this. I'll make it as brief as possible, but I hope this may help.

I am sure you are getting bombarded with letters regarding the post of a "leaked" June 24, 2009 letter from Senator Harry Reid which contains the name of Luis Elizondo. The provenance (if you call it that) is that it was first published by a journalist in Las Vegas, Mr. George Knapp, from KLAS-TV and was labeled a leak with no source. This letter pre-dates Mr.

Elizondo's claim of heading the AATIP program by at least 5 months, so I am unsure why so many are hailing such evidence, but alas... here is what I wanted to pass on, and hopefully, obtain a comment on:

For some background: In FOIA case #09-F-1406 (yes, that's '09 and not '19) I just so happened to have requested in 2009 a copy of all Congressional correspondence letters sent, from February 2009 through July 2009, which were received by OSD. I received more than 700+ pages in response to that FOIA, in three rolling releases. That letter was NOT in the releases. I am digging out the FOIA response letters to see if something was cited as withheld, but wanted to offer an additional piece of evidence, which leads to my question.

In FOIA case 18-F-1268, I requested Congressional Correspondence Logs for 2007 and 2009. In the 2009 portion of the log, Senator Harry Reid sent two letters on the same that I can see, both of which are not the "leaked" letter. FOIA request 19-F-0948, is still open, but specifically requests that letter itself. However, my first two cases cited above gives more than enough reason to doubt it's authenticity.

It is my understanding, even in 2009 (as indicated by the log) each letter is given a control number and put on the log sheet. Given the fact that the logs for those two years stretch more than 1,000 pages, I assume that is adhered to quite strictly.

Let me be clear, I am not insinuating a cover-up, but rather, I have concerns that "leaked" letter is real, or if so, was ever sent to OSD.

1) Can I ask for a comment on the above? Can the DOD confirm that letter was ever received or responded to?

I appreciate any insight or guidance. I feel this is a very important newsworthy topic (given the amount of attention this is getting), and I feel my information above is a rather unique contribution and angle for the next story I am writing, hence why I would be very interested in any comment.

Thank you for your time and attention. Again, my apologies for my emails, as I am not trying to overwhelm your staff.

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Subject: RE: Draft Final DoD Statement on Luis Elizondo -- V2

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Regards,

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Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA) (b)(6)

Subject: Draft Final DoD Statement on Luis Elizondo -- V2

Ladies and Gentlemen,

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Regards,

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2019 2:07 PM
To: Carranza, Guillermo R SES OSD OGC (USA)
Cc: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA)
Subject: AATIP Elizondo & Mellon emails
Attachments: FW: [Non-DoD Source] Lue Elizondo/AATIP (7.25 MB); FW: [Non-DoD Source] Lue Elizondo/AATIP (7.29 MB); FW: [Non-DoD Source] Substantiating documentation - Elizondo (1.35 MB); RE: [Non-DoD Source] Lue Elizondo/AATIP (1.40 MB); RE: former senior adviser to Secretary Mattis // + a former DASD(I) (8.03 KB)

Signed By: (b)(6)

Bill.
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Regards,
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From: Carranza, Guillermo R SES OSD OGC (USA)
Sent: Friday, June 14, 2019 11:50 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA)
Subject: RE: AATIP Elizondo & Mellon emails

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Cc: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: AATIP Elizondo & Mellon emails

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Regards,

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From: Carranza, Guillermo R SES OSD OGC (USA) (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2019 6:58 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: AATIP Elizondo & Mellon emails

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Cc: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA) (b)(6)
Subject: AATIP Elizondo & Mellon emails

Bill,

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Regards,

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2019 7:02 PM
To: Carranza, Guillermo R SES OSD OGC (USA)
Cc: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA)
Subject: RE: AATIP Elizondo & Mellon emails
Signed By: (b)(6)

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Regards,

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Subject: AATIP Elizondo & Mellon emails

Bill,

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Regards,

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To: (b)(6)
Cc: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA)
Subject: RE: AATIP Elizondo & Mellon emails

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Cc: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA) (b)(6)
Subject: AATIP Elizondo & Mellon emails

Bill,
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Regards,
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From: Carranza, Guillermo R SES OSD OGC (USA)
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2019 4:09 PM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA)
Subject: RE: AATIP Elizondo & Mellon emails

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Cc: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA) (b)(6)
Subject: AATIP Elizondo & Mellon emails

Bill,

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Regards,

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2019 9:36 PM
To: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV OSD PA (USA)
Subject: Investigative Producer asking about AATIP, Elizondo, History Channel
Attachments: [Non-DoD Source] Re: NETWORK TV INVESTIGATIVE PRODUCER WOULD LIKE TO TALK (10.4 KB)
Signed By: (b)(6)
Importance: High

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Let's talk in the morning.

Regards,
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From: Bryan Bender (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2019 5:56 PM
To: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] any update on status of Leu Elizondo?

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Hearing rumblings there may be a statement in the works?

Thanks

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, July 17, 2019, 11:55 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV OSD PA (USA)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: 2009 Harry Reid Letter / Luis Elizondo - Reason to doubt authenticity

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Hello (b)(6) and Mr. Sherwood,

I just wanted to follow up on the below. I understand you are both very busy, but really do look forward to any comment that may be given, and I would like to publish this by end of week at the latest.

In addition, if there is anything you can share since our last correspondence about the "three videos" that have been released by To The Stars Academy of Arts & Science, please let me know.

Thank you in advance...

Sincerely,

John Greenewald, Jr.
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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, July 12, 2019 7:55 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: 'Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA)' <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: 2009 Harry Reid Letter / Luis Elizondo - Reason to doubt authenticity

Hello to you both, and Happy Friday!

I just wanted to follow up about the below. Now that the tv-show "Unidentified" on History channel is over that 'starred' Mr. Luis Elizondo, I am writing a follow up article.

In short, below, I had inquired about Mr. Elizondo's "interaction" with DIA which was from a previous statement. Can that be elaborated on at all? I'd like to have as much accurate information in this, as possible.

One other question, if I may. The television show had a scene that had three men, all blurred faces, and it was said in the show that these were the new officials running the UFO research program. I have reason to believe this scene was manufactured, and not accurate, but wanted to ask if there was any stance on the History channel's claim that they showed three officials that are currently running a UFO program? Mr Elizondo stated on the show, *"These are individuals that have to remain very, very much protected. There are extremely qualified people, whom I trust, whom I personally know, that are still running this effort. **And it is being run with official blessing.** And that is what I'm prepared to say. I cannot go into any more than that."*

Since he is making the claim about an "official blessing" to a UFO program, I would very much like to get any comment on that.

Thank you in advance!

Sincerely,

John Greenewald, Jr.
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Cc: 'Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA)' <(b)(6)> <Caution-mailto:(b)(6)> >>
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: 2009 Harry Reid Letter / Luis Elizondo - Reason to doubt authenticity

Thank you for the clarification. No problem!

This has all been extremely useful. I assume what you have written me, is ok to attribute to you, correct?

This may be a long shot – but is there any elaboration that you can give on what Mr. Elizondo’s “interaction” with DIA during the time AATIP was?

Thank you again for your assistance.

Sincerely,

John Greenwald, Jr.
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Cc: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA) <(b)(6)> <Caution-mailto:(b)(6)> >>
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: 2009 Harry Reid Letter / Luis Elizondo - Reason to doubt authenticity

John,

Sorry, ignore that line, that was purely just an accidental misstatement on my part, as I was working on a totally unrelated subject. Let me restate for you:

It makes no change to previous statements. Mr. Elizondo had no assigned responsibilities for AATIP while he was in OUSD(I). DIA administered AATIP, and Elizondo was never assigned to DIA. Elizondo did interact with the DIA office managing the program while the program was still ongoing, but he did not lead it.

Regards,

(b)(6)

Pentagon Spokesperson

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Thank you for that. That is great to know and very useful.

One clarification, if I may? "This memo was what initiated the program." The memo indicated the program was already under way that previous September (2008). Can I ask what you meant by this line?

Thank you in advance! This is all incredibly helpful for this article...

Sincerely,

John Greenwald, Jr.

Owner/Founder

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Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: 2009 Harry Reid Letter / Luis Elizondo - Reason to doubt authenticity

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Regards,

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Thank you, I appreciate your message. It is very helpful.

Can I ask – does this potentially change previous statements about Mr. Elizondo’s claim of directorship of the AATIP program? His PR agent back in 2018 said he “took over” the program at OUSDI in 2010, so this letter pre-dates that claim.

I appreciate any insight.

Sincerely,

John Greenwald, Jr.
Owner/Founder
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Caution-mailto:(b)(6) >>>

Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: 2009 Harry Reid Letter / Luis Elizondo - Reason to doubt authenticity

John,

I can confirm that the memo you're referring to is authentic. DOD received it and responded to Sen. Reid. I cannot provide you with the response; we do not release correspondence between DOD and members of Congress.

I'm still working on getting answers to your other questions.

Regards,

(b)(6)

Pentagon Spokesperson

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From: (b)(6)

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Sent: Monday, June 10, 2019 11:15 AM

To: (b)(6)

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Cc: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA) (b)(6)

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Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: 2009 Harry Reid Letter / Luis Elizondo - Reason to doubt authenticity

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Good morning,

I appreciate your reply, and I completely understand. Not my intention to create more for your workload. A quick request if I can ask – can I get a copy and paste of the previous statements given to NY Post, The Intercept Keith Kloor, etc. regarding AATIP and Mr. Luis Elizondo? I like to show direct provenance on where I got there, with attribution, to ensure accuracy when I publish (ie: I am not quoting another journalist who is quoting you etc.). I am also trying to make sure those statements are not changing.

Back to the Reid letter – one minor correction, I archived the documents from 09-F-1406, but it was not my request as I originally stated in my past email. I mis-read my notes and I apologize! That was actually from OSD's FOIA reading room (which is still there), and the Reid letter is not in that release. I did, however, request the log myself, which it also did not appear, and also now on OSDs reading room, another copy exists, and it is not there either. In short – I have grave concerns this letter is a fake or never sent, but want to make sure that is accurate to print.

I did figure out (if this saves you time) Harry Reid sent two letters that day, according to the log. One I have, and it's not it. The other I requested via FOIA, and it was transferred to the USAF and I am waiting for the response. Maybe you can help, and confirm if OSD007108-09, is the letter in question? I highly doubt it – since it was transferred to USAF – but if you can at least confirm that's not it, then we can safely say its not on the log.

The next question, would be is that abnormal for a letter to not appear in the log sheet to get a control number?

Thank you again for ANY information you can give.

Sincerely,

John Greenwald, Jr.
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From: (b)(6)

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Sent: Monday, June 10, 2019 7:51 AM

To: (b)(6)

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Cc: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA) (b)(6)

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Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: 2009 Harry Reid Letter / Luis Elizondo - Reason to doubt authenticity

Hi John,

Trying to get you an answer on this. Not an easy or quick process, since the letter in question is @10 years old now.

Regards,

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From: (b)(6)

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Sent: Monday, June 10, 2019 10:18 AM

To: (b)(6)

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(b)(6) Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA)

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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: 2009 Harry Reid Letter / Luis Elizondo - Reason to doubt authenticity

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I hope you both had a great weekend.

I just wanted to circle back and see if you may help me with the below?

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

John Greenwald, Jr.

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From: (b)(6)

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Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2019 7:13 AM

To: (b)(6)

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'Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA)'

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Subject: 2009 Harry Reid Letter / Luis Elizondo - Reason to doubt authenticity

Dear (b)(6) and Mr. Sherwood,

I understand I may be overstaying my welcome, and I apologize. I feel this information may be important to you, and assist with a few pieces of evidence from the FOIA side. I would love to get a comment in regards to the below (or clarification), but understand you are both incredibly busy fielding probably hundreds of inquiries on this. I'll make it as brief as possible, but I hope this may help.

I am sure you are getting bombarded with letters regarding the post of a "leaked" June 24, 2009 letter from Senator Harry Reid which contains the name of Luis Elizondo. The provenance (if you call it that) is that it was first published by a journalist in Las Vegas, Mr. George Knapp, from KLAS-TV and was labeled a leak with no source. This letter pre-dates Mr. Elizondo's claim of heading the AATIP program by at least 5 months, so I am unsure why so many are hailing such evidence, but alas... here is what I wanted to pass on, and hopefully, obtain a comment on:

For some background: In FOIA case #09-F-1406 (yes, that's '09 and not '19) I just so happened to have requested in 2009 a copy of all Congressional correspondence letters sent, from February 2009 through July 2009, which were received by OSD. I received more than 700+ pages in response to that FOIA, in three rolling releases. That letter was NOT in the

releases. I am digging out the FOIA response letters to see if something was cited as withheld, but wanted to offer an additional piece of evidence, which leads to my question.

In FOIA case 18-F-1268, I requested Congressional Correspondence Logs for 2007 and 2009. In the 2009 portion of the log, Senator Harry Reid sent two letters on the same that I can see, both of which are not the "leaked" letter. FOIA request 19-F-0948, is still open, but specifically requests that letter itself. However, my first two cases cited above gives more than enough reason to doubt it's authenticity.

It is my understanding, even in 2009 (as indicated by the log) each letter is given a control number and put on the log sheet. Given the fact that the logs for those two years stretch more than 1,000 pages, I assume that is adhered to quite strictly.

Let me be clear, I am not insinuating a cover-up, but rather, I have concerns that "leaked" letter is real, or if so, was ever sent to OSD.

1) Can I ask for a comment on the above? Can the DOD confirm that letter was ever received or responded to?

I appreciate any insight or guidance. I feel this is a very important newsworthy topic (given the amount of attention this is getting), and I feel my information above is a rather unique contribution and angle for the next story I am writing, hence why I would be very interested in any comment.

Thank you for your time and attention. Again, my apologies for my emails, as I am not trying to overwhelm your staff.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV OSD PA (USA)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: 2009 Harry Reid Letter / Luis Elizondo - Reason to doubt authenticity

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Hello to you both, and Happy Friday!

I just wanted to follow up about the below. Now that the tv-show "Unidentified" on History channel is over that 'starred' Mr. Luis Elizondo, I am writing a follow up article.

In short, below, I had inquired about Mr. Elizondo's "interaction" with DIA which was from a previous statement. Can that be elaborated on at all? I'd like to have as much accurate information in this, as possible.

One other question, if I may. The television show had a scene that had three men, all blurred faces, and it was said in the show that these were the new officials running the UFO research program. I have reason to believe this scene was manufactured, and not accurate, but wanted to ask if there was any stance on the History channel's claim that they showed three officials that are currently running a UFO program? Mr Elizondo stated on the show, *"These are individuals that have to remain very, very much protected. There are extremely qualified people, whom I trust, whom I personally know, that are still running this effort. **And it is being run with official blessing.** And that is what I'm prepared to say. I cannot go into any more than that."*

Since he is making the claim about an "official blessing" to a UFO program, I would very much like to get any comment on that.

Thank you in advance!

Sincerely,

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Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: 2009 Harry Reid Letter / Luis Elizondo - Reason to doubt authenticity

Thank you for the clarification. No problem!

This has all been extremely useful. I assume what you have written me, is ok to attribute to you, correct?

This may be a long shot – but is there any elaboration that you can give on what Mr. Elizondo’s “interaction” with DIA during the time AATIP was?

Thank you again for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: 2009 Harry Reid Letter / Luis Elizondo - Reason to doubt authenticity

John,

Sorry, ignore that line, that was purely just an accidental misstatement on my part, as I was working on a totally unrelated subject. Let me restate for you:

It makes no change to previous statements. Mr. Elizondo had no assigned responsibilities for AATIP while he was in OUSD(I). DIA administered AATIP, and Elizondo was never assigned to DIA. Elizondo did interact with the DIA office managing the program while the program was still ongoing, but he did not lead it.

Regards,

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Pentagon Spokesperson

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Thank you for that. That is great to know and very useful.

One clarification, if I may? "This memo was what initiated the program." The memo indicated the program was already under way that previous September (2008). Can I ask what you meant by this line?

Thank you in advance! This is all incredibly helpful for this article...

Sincerely,

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Thank you, I appreciate your message. It is very helpful.

Can I ask – does this potentially change previous statements about Mr. Elizondo’s claim of directorship of the AATIP program? His PR agent back in 2018 said he “took over” the program at OUSDI in 2010, so this letter pre-dates that claim.

I appreciate any insight.

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Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: 2009 Harry Reid Letter / Luis Elizondo - Reason to doubt authenticity

John,

I can confirm that the memo you're referring to is authentic. DOD received it and responded to Sen. Reid. I cannot provide you with the response; we do not release correspondence between DOD and members of Congress.

I'm still working on getting answers to your other questions.

Regards,

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To: (b)(6)

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Cc: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA) (b)(6)

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Good morning,

I appreciate your reply, and I completely understand. Not my intention to create more for your workload. A quick request if I can ask – can I get a copy and paste of the previous statements given to NY Post, The Intercept Keith Kloor, etc. regarding AATIP and Mr. Luis Elizondo? I like to show direct provenance on where I got there, with attribution, to ensure accuracy when I publish (ie: I am not quoting another journalist who is quoting you etc.). I am also trying to make sure those statements are not changing.

Back to the Reid letter – one minor correction, I archived the documents from 09-F-1406, but it was not my request as I originally stated in my past email. I mis-read my notes and I apologize! That was actually from OSD's FOIA reading room (which is still there), and the Reid letter is not in that release. I did, however, request the log myself, which it also did not appear, and also now on OSDs reading room, another copy exists, and it is not there either. In short – I have grave concerns this letter is a fake or never sent, but want to make sure that is accurate to print.

I did figure out (if this saves you time) Harry Reid sent two letters that day, according to the log. One I have, and it's not it. The other I requested via FOIA, and it was transferred to the USAF and I am waiting for the response. Maybe you can help, and confirm if OSD007108-09, is the letter in question? I highly doubt it – since it was transferred to USAF – but if you can at least confirm that's not it, then we can safely say its not on the log.

The next question, would be is that abnormal for a letter to not appear in the log sheet to get a control number?

Thank you again for ANY information you can give.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA) (b)(6)

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Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: 2009 Harry Reid Letter / Luis Elizondo - Reason to doubt authenticity

Hi John,

Trying to get you an answer on this. Not an easy or quick process, since the letter in question is @10 years old now.

Regards,

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Sent: Monday, June 10, 2019 10:18 AM

To: (b)(6)

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(b)(6) Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA)

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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: 2009 Harry Reid Letter / Luis Elizondo - Reason to doubt authenticity

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I hope you both had a great weekend.

I just wanted to circle back and see if you may help me with the below?

Thank you for your time and attention.

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From: (b)(6)

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Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2019 7:13 AM

To: (b)(6)

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Sherwood, Christopher G CIV (USA)'

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Subject: 2009 Harry Reid Letter / Luis Elizondo - Reason to doubt authenticity

Dear (b)(6) and Mr. Sherwood,

I understand I may be overstaying my welcome, and I apologize. I feel this information may be important to you, and assist with a few pieces of evidence from the FOIA side. I would love to get a comment in regards to the below (or clarification), but understand you are both incredibly busy fielding probably hundreds of inquiries on this. I'll make it as brief as possible, but I hope this may help.

I am sure you are getting bombarded with letters regarding the post of a "leaked" June 24, 2009 letter from Senator Harry Reid which contains the name of Luis Elizondo. The provenance (if you call it that) is that it was first published by a journalist in Las Vegas, Mr. George Knapp, from KLAS-TV and was labeled a leak with no source. This letter pre-dates Mr.

Elizondo's claim of heading the AATIP program by at least 5 months, so I am unsure why so many are hailing such evidence, but alas... here is what I wanted to pass on, and hopefully, obtain a comment on:

For some background: In FOIA case #09-F-1406 (yes, that's '09 and not '19) I just so happened to have requested in 2009 a copy of all Congressional correspondence letters sent, from February 2009 through July 2009, which were received by OSD. I received more than 700+ pages in response to that FOIA, in three rolling releases. That letter was NOT in the releases. I am digging out the FOIA response letters to see if something was cited as withheld, but wanted to offer an additional piece of evidence, which leads to my question.

In FOIA case 18-F-1268, I requested Congressional Correspondence Logs for 2007 and 2009. In the 2009 portion of the log, Senator Harry Reid sent two letters on the same that I can see, both of which are not the "leaked" letter. FOIA request 19-F-0948, is still open, but specifically requests that letter itself. However, my first two cases cited above gives more than enough reason to doubt it's authenticity.

It is my understanding, even in 2009 (as indicated by the log) each letter is given a control number and put on the log sheet. Given the fact that the logs for those two years stretch more than 1,000 pages, I assume that is adhered to quite strictly.

Let me be clear, I am not insinuating a cover-up, but rather, I have concerns that "leaked" letter is real, or if so, was ever sent to OSD.

1) Can I ask for a comment on the above? Can the DOD confirm that letter was ever received or responded to?

I appreciate any insight or guidance. I feel this is a very important newsworthy topic (given the amount of attention this is getting), and I feel my information above is a rather unique contribution and angle for the next story I am writing, hence why I would be very interested in any comment.

Thank you for your time and attention. Again, my apologies for my emails, as I am not trying to overwhelm your staff.

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Attachments: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Statement - CBS News (15.1 KB)
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Thanks.

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From: (b)(6)
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Hello to you both, and hope this letter meets you well.

Since its been about a month, I thought I would try to circle back about the below email. I understand there are MANY issues you both deal with, but hope you may be able to get back to me regarding it.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

John Greenewald, Jr.
Owner/Founder
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Hello to you both, and Happy Friday!

I just wanted to follow up about the below. Now that the tv-show "Unidentified" on History channel is over that 'starred' Mr. Luis Elizondo, I am writing a follow up article.

In short, below, I had inquired about Mr. Elizondo's "interaction" with DIA which was from a previous statement. Can that be elaborated on at all? I'd like to have as much accurate information in this, as possible.

One other question, if I may. The television show had a scene that had three men, all blurred faces, and it was said in the show that these were the new officials running the UFO research program. I have reason to believe this scene was manufactured, and not accurate, but wanted to ask if there was any stance on the History channel's claim that they showed three officials that are currently running a UFO program? Mr Elizondo stated on the show, "*These are individuals that have to remain very, very much protected. There are extremely qualified people, whom I trust, whom I personally know, that are still running this effort. **And it is being run with official blessing.** And that is what I'm prepared to say. I cannot go into any more than that.*"

Since he is making the claim about an "official blessing" to a UFO program, I would very much like to get any comment on that.

Thank you in advance!

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Sincerely,

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Thank you for the clarification. No problem!

This has all been extremely useful. I assume what you have written me, is ok to attribute to you, correct?

This may be a long shot – but is there any elaboration that you can give on what Mr. Elizondo’s “interaction” with DIA during the time AATIP was?

Thank you again for your assistance.

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John,

Sorry, ignore that line, that was purely just an accidental misstatement on my part, as I was working on a totally unrelated subject. Let me restate for you:

It makes no change to previous statements. Mr. Elizondo had no assigned responsibilities for AATIP while he was in OUSD(I). DIA administered AATIP, and Elizondo was never assigned to DIA. Elizondo did interact with the DIA office managing the program while the program was still ongoing, but he did not lead it.

Regards,

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Thank you for that. That is great to know and very useful.

One clarification, if I may? "This memo was what initiated the program." The memo indicated the program was already under way that previous September (2008). Can I ask what you meant by this line?

Thank you in advance! This is all incredibly helpful for this article...

Sincerely,

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Thank you, I appreciate your message. It is very helpful.

Can I ask – does this potentially change previous statements about Mr. Elizondo’s claim of directorship of the AATIP program? His PR agent back in 2018 said he “took over” the program at OUSDI in 2010, so this letter pre-dates that claim.

I appreciate any insight.

Sincerely,

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John,

I can confirm that the memo you're referring to is authentic. DOD received it and responded to Sen. Reid. I cannot provide you with the response; we do not release correspondence between DOD and members of Congress.

I'm still working on getting answers to your other questions.

Regards,

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Good morning,

I appreciate your reply, and I completely understand. Not my intention to create more for your workload. A quick request if I can ask – can I get a copy and paste of the previous statements given to NY Post, The Intercept Keith Kloor, etc. regarding AATIP and Mr. Luis Elizondo? I like to show direct provenance on where I got there, with attribution, to ensure accuracy when I publish (ie: I am not quoting another journalist who is quoting you etc.). I am also trying to make sure those statements are not changing.

Back to the Reid letter – one minor correction, I archived the documents from 09-F-1406, but it was not my request as I originally stated in my past email. I mis-read my notes and I apologize! That was actually from OSD's FOIA reading room (which is still there), and the Reid letter is not in that release. I did, however, request the log myself, which it also did not appear, and also now on OSDs reading room, another copy exists, and it is not there either. In short – I have grave concerns this letter is a fake or never sent, but want to make sure that is accurate to print.

I did figure out (if this saves you time) Harry Reid sent two letters that day, according to the log. One I have, and it's not it. The other I requested via FOIA, and it was transferred to the USAF and I am waiting for the response. Maybe you can help, and confirm if OSD007108-09, is the letter in question? I highly doubt it – since it was transferred to USAF – but if you can at least confirm that's not it, then we can safely say its not on the log.

The next question, would be is that abnormal for a letter to not appear in the log sheet to get a control number?

Thank you again for ANY information you can give.

Sincerely,

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Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: 2009 Harry Reid Letter / Luis Elizondo - Reason to doubt authenticity

Hi John,
Trying to get you an answer on this. Not an easy or quick process, since the letter in question is @10 years old now.

Regards,

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I hope you both had a great weekend.

I just wanted to circle back and see if you may help me with the below?

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

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Dear (b)(6) and Mr. Sherwood,

I understand I may be overstaying my welcome, and I apologize. I feel this information may be important to you, and assist with a few pieces of evidence from the FOIA side. I would love to get a comment in regards to the below (or clarification), but understand you are both incredibly busy fielding probably hundreds of inquiries on this. I'll make it as brief as possible, but I hope this may help.

I am sure you are getting bombarded with letters regarding the post of a "leaked" June 24, 2009 letter from Senator Harry Reid which contains the name of Luis Elizondo. The provenance (if you call it that) is that it was first published by a journalist in Las Vegas, Mr. George Knapp, from KLAS-TV and was labeled a leak with no source. This letter pre-dates Mr. Elizondo's claim of heading the AATIP program by at least 5 months, so I am unsure why so many are hailing such evidence, but alas... here is what I wanted to pass on, and hopefully, obtain a comment on:

For some background: In FOIA case #09-F-1406 (yes, that's '09 and not '19) I just so happened to have requested in 2009 a copy of all Congressional correspondence letters sent, from February 2009 through July 2009, which were received by OSD. I received more than 700+ pages in response to that FOIA, in three rolling releases. That letter was NOT in the releases. I am digging out the FOIA response letters to see if something was cited as withheld, but wanted to offer an additional piece of evidence, which leads to my question.

In FOIA case 18-F-1268, I requested Congressional Correspondence Logs for 2007 and 2009. In the 2009 portion of the log, Senator Harry Reid sent two letters on the same that I can see, both of which are not the “leaked” letter. FOIA request 19-F-0948, is still open, but specifically requests that letter itself. However, my first two cases cited above gives more than enough reason to doubt it’s authenticity.

It is my understanding, even in 2009 (as indicated by the log) each letter is given a control number and put on the log sheet. Given the fact that the logs for those two years stretch more than 1,000 pages, I assume that is adhered to quite strictly.

Let me be clear, I am not insinuating a cover-up, but rather, I have concerns that “leaked” letter is real, or if so, was ever sent to OSD.

1) Can I ask for a comment on the above? Can the DOD confirm that letter was ever received or responded to?

I appreciate any insight or guidance. I feel this is a very important newsworthy topic (given the amount of attention this is getting), and I feel my information above is a rather unique contribution and angle for the next story I am writing, hence why I would be very interested in any comment.

Thank you for your time and attention. Again, my apologies for my emails, as I am not trying to overwhelm your staff.

Sincerely,

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