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Ref: 21-FR-1322
May 7, 2025

Mr. John Greenewald, Jr.
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Castaic, CA 91384

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is a final response to FOIA request 21-F-1322, July 21, 2021, to the Office of the Secretary of Defense/Joint Staff (OSD/JS) FOIA office, a copy of which is enclosed for your convenience. We received your request from the Office of the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Privacy, Civil Liberties and Transparency on October 3, 2024, requesting an additional review of the responsive document provided to you. Your reopened request was assigned case number 21-FR-1322. Please use this reference number when referring to your request.

The Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence & Security, All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office, a component of OSD, and Defense Intelligence Agency conducted an additional review of the records. The Initial Denial Authorities have determined that portions of the two responsive pages are exempt from release pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552:

(b)(3), information specifically exempted by a statute establishing particular criteria for withholding, applying 10 USC § 130b which pertains to personnel in overseas, sensitive or routinely deployable units; and 5 U.S.C. 10 U.S.C. § 424 which pertains to 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; and

(b)(6), as disclosure of the information 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. Additionally, 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 571-372-0435 or christine.m.dickinson.ctr@mail.mil. 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, Toni Fuentes, 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
Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

You have the right to appeal to the appellate authority, Ms. Joo Chung, Assistant 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 21-FR-1322 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 21-FR-1322, if you have any questions or concerns.


Sincerely,

for Pamela Andrews
Stephanie L. Carr
Chief

Enclosures:
As stated

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, September 18, 2018 12:22 PM
To: (b)(6); (b)(3):10 USC § 424
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: FOIA Req: CMO003127-18 (CATMs) - Adv Aerospace Threat / Ident Pgrm (UNCLASSIFIED)

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USC § 424

I'll try to touchbase with you later today about background information that could be related to this request being tasked to your office.

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, September 18, 2018 12:20 PM
To: (b)(6); (b)(3):10 USC § 424 (b)(6); (b)(3):10 USC § 424 (b)(6)
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OUSD(I)/National Programs (as distinct from NPSMS) has no information pertaining to that FOIA request.

V/R,

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From: (b)(6); (b)(3):10 USC § 424
Sent: Tuesday, September 18, 2018 10:29 AM
To: (b)(6) (b)(6)
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NP-SMS has no purview over that mission. Our mission relates strictly to [redacted] I am passing this request over to our sister office in [redacted] to see if they have any information related to that FOIA request.

(b)(6) --can you please inform the front office if you have information relating to the FOIA request mentioned in the email below or do you know to whom this task can be redirected?

Regards,

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, September 17, 2018 10:37 AM
To: (b)(6); (b)(3):10 USC § 424 (US); (b)(6); (b)(3):10 USC § 424 (b)(6)
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Cc: (b)(6) (b)(6)
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FOIA Request – please provide and expected completion date and we will submit an extension request.

Search Criteria: Please conduct a search for records responsive to the requester. The requester is seeking: copy of documents relating to the purpose; mission statement; vision; assessments; contracts; technical reports and outcomes of the Advanced Aerospace Threat (and) Identification Program. This program operated out of the National Programs area of the Sensitive Activities Directorate, under the Deputy Undersecretary of Defense, for HUMINT, Counterintelligence and Security

Time Frame: 01/01/2008 To 04/10/2017

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