



**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
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WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1155**

Ref: 22-F-0035
August 5, 2025

Mr. John Greenewald, Jr.
27305 W. Live Oak Road
Suite #1203
Castaic, CA 91384

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is a final response to your October 12, 2021 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 office received your request on October 12, 2021, and assigned it FOIA case number 22-F-0035. We ask that you use this number when referring to your request.

The Washington Headquarters Services, Executive Services Directorate, Defense Office of Prepublication and Security Review (DOPSR), a component of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, conducted a search of their records systems and located 106 pages determined to be responsive to your request. Mr. Paul J. Jacobsmeyer, Deputy, in his capacity as an Initial Denial Authority, has determined that portions of the 106 responsive pages are exempt from release pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552:

(b)(4), trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;

(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, Melissa C. Gamez, at melissa.c.gamez.ctr@mail.mil or 571-256-0112. 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
Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

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 the following address: 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 22-F-0035 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, Melissa C. Gamez, and reference FOIA case number 22-F-0035, if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Adam Johnson
for Pamela Andrews
Chief, FOIA

Enclosures:
As stated

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

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McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA)

From: JAMES LACATSKI (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 12:04 PM
To: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

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Hi,

Actually, you already have all the chapters. 12, 16-19 were place holders for material that was eventually interwoven into the other chapters.

Please let me know if you would like me to renumber the chapters. Dr. Kelleher and I were going to leave the final ordering up to the editor. The text itself is complete.

Thanks.

Jim Lacatski

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From: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA)
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 7:49 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

Mr. Lacatski,

To follow up on my email below, chapters 12 and 16-19 are missing from your manuscript. Can you please email the additional chapters to us?

Thank you,

Kelly McHale
Security Review Specialist

Defense Office of Prepublication and Security Review

Tel: 703.614.4903

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

From: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA)

Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 4:28 PM

To: (b)(6)

Subject: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

Dear Mr. Lacatski,

This email is to confirm the Defense Office of Prepublication and Security Review (DOPSR) has commenced prepublication review of your manuscript "Skinwalkers at the Pentagon", originally received on March 10, 2020. Thank you for resending the manuscript on April 30. DOPSR will conduct a security review for classified information, controlled unclassified information, operational security related information, and a policy review to ensure accurate statements of DoD Policy. I am the assigned action officer and the manuscript is assigned case number 20-SB-0058.

Manuscript reviews are averaging several months, and have been severely hampered by the current Pandemic mitigation measures that have affected the Department. DOPSR is currently on full-time telework and has reduced capabilities to complete manuscript reviews efficiently. Other factors affecting review times are the complexity of the subject matter, the volume of information, and the number of components with equity in the manuscript. DOPSR continues to strive to complete reviews in as timely a manner as possible.

DOPSR does not accommodate publishers' timelines, therefore, we recommend that you do not sign a contract with a publishing company, or provide copies of the manuscript to a publisher or other individuals until the review is complete.

As the author you will be solely responsible for the release of names, photos, and other personally identifiable information (PII) of active duty Service members, DoD employees, and third party individuals, the release of which could be a violation of the privacy rights of these individuals. If you have not done so already, you may wish to consult these individuals and obtain permission to include their PII in the manuscript.

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If you have not done so already, please provide any photos, exhibits, tables, appendices, or any other material intended for use in your manuscript. These materials should be emailed to our office inbox at: whs.pentagon.esd.mbx.secrev@mail.mil, and should reference the case number above.

Please direct any questions regarding this case to me at the contact information below.

Sincerely,

Kelly McHale

Security Review Specialist

Defense Office of Prepublication and Security Review

Tel: 703.614.4903

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McHale, Kelly, A., Ms., WHS

From: (b)(5); (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 8:55 AM
To: McHale, Kelly, A., Ms., WHS; Breese, Adam J.
Subject: (U) DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review --- UNCLASSIFIED//FOUO

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Good morning Kelly

The Department of Homeland Security, Office of Intelligence & Analysis, Security and Continuity Division conducted a security review of DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review. This office have no security related issues to what is written in the manuscript. If you have any additional questions or concerns please let me know.

(b)(5); (b)(6)
Senior Information Security Specialist
Security Management Branch (Team Lead)
Department of Homeland Security
Office of Intelligence & Analysis
3801 Nebraska Ave NW
Washington, DC 20528

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From: McHale, Kelly, A., Ms., WHS (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, December 08, 2020 3:58 PM
To: (b)(5); (b)(6)
Subject: FW: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

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I'm resending the manuscript I sent to (b)(6) If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks!
Kelly

Kelly McHale
Security Review Specialist
Defense Office of Prepublication and Security Review
Unclass Tel: 703.614.4903

From: McHale, Kelly, A., Ms., WHS
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 10:34 AM
To: (b)(5); (b)(6)
Subject: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

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Hello (b)(5);

I hope this email finds you well! The attached manuscript contains DHS equities and is referred for your review. I've attached a copy of the author's submission email. The Department of the Air Force and Defense Intelligence Agency are concurrently reviewing the manuscript. If you need anything else for this review, please let me know.

Thanks!
Kelly

Kelly McHale
Security Review Specialist
Defense Office of Prepublication and Security Review
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Defense Office of Prepublication &
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BOOK MANUSCRIPT

20-88-0066/0

07/14/2020

To: USD(I) >> DIA

Case Number: 20-88-0066/0

Type of Document: BOOK

Pages: 128

Classification: Unclassified

Source: James Locatelli

Requester: Locatelli, James

Purpose: PUBLIC RELEASE

Subject: Sidewalkers at the Pentagon: Correcting the Record

The attached material is forwarded for review in accordance with the following guidelines. Questions concerning this case should be directed to:
KELLY MCHALE, Room: 2A534, (703) 614-4803, Email: kelly.a.mchale.dv@mail.mil

Please advise if reviews required other than: DIA
AIRFORCE
DHS

A reply is requested by: 08/14/2020

COORDINATION OFFICE ACTION

To: Defense Office of Prepublication & Security Review, DOP&SR, 2A534, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1155

Review by this office in accordance with guidelines below, result in the following recommendation concerning clearance for publication.

Check One:

☐ No Objection as Received.

☒ Recommended Changes.

☐ No Objection Subject to Amendments made by this office (in black pencil). Amendments and rationale (security and policy) are annotated on page numbers listed below

☐ Objection. Amendments to permit publication are impracticable. Reasons stated below.

(Continue on reverse side if necessary)

Mark Dudley, DIA Prepub review Officer

(913) 884-5393

07 MAY 2021

Mark B. Dudley

typed name, title, organization

phone number

date

signature

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McHale, Kelly, A., Ms., WHS

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, May 7, 2021 4:30 PM
To: McHale, Kelly, A., Ms., WHS; BSS dd - Office of Security Review
Cc: (b)(5); (b)(6) - DIA OCC Prepub Review
Subject: DIA PREPUB RVW COMPLETE---Skinwalkers-- (20-SB-0058/DIA 20-230)
Attachments: 20-230 20-SB-0058 SIGNED Form 373 (DIA).pdf; 20-230_Consolidated DIA redactions_20-SB-0058 Skinwalkers.pdf


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Kelly,

I very much apologize for the lengthy review, but the day is finally here! DIA has completed a comprehensive review of ***Skinwalkers at the Pentagon: Correcting the Record*** (128 pages). We do not object to public release of the attached version*, subject to the following amendments:

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* Annotated comments in the attachment are best viewed when opening the document with **Microsoft Edge**.

Other than for minor editing, additional changes to text, photographs, photograph captions, illustrations, diagrams, tables, charts, or maps require additional review by our office prior to giving them to a publisher, presenting them in a public forum, or releasing them to anyone else. In such a case, please have the author clearly mark them before resubmitting. However, it is not necessary to resubmit changes directed by our office. The DIA review number for this request is 20-230.

V/r,

(b)(6)

Important Prepub links:

[DIA Prepublication Review Form](#) | [Locate Your OPSEC Reviewer\(s\)](#) | [Prepub Rvw Tips/FAQs](#)



From: McHale, Kelly, A., Ms., WHS (b)(6)

Sent: Thursday, May 6, 2021 11:32 AM

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Cc: (b)(5); (b)(6)

Subject: RE: 20-SB-0058 update--Skinwalkers-- (DIA case 20-230)

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Great! Thanks (b)(6) I know you are extremely busy! I appreciate all you've done to push this one over the finish line.

McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA)

From: Sumpter, Beverly A CIV USAF SAF-PA (USA)
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 12:19 PM
To: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA); WHS Pentagon ESD Mailbox SECREV
Cc: Oredugba, Carolyn Y CIV USAF SAF-PA (USA)
Subject: RE: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review
Attachments: 20-SB-0058 Form 373 (USAF).pdf
Signed By: beverly.sumpter.1@us.af.mil

Good Afternoon,

"NO OBJECTION" to PAIRS CASE #2020-0436. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks

r/
Bev Sumpter

From: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA) <kelly.a.mchale.civ@mail.mil>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 8:16 AM
To: Oredugba, Carolyn Y CIV USAF SAF-PA (USA) <carolyn.y.oredugba.civ@mail.mil>; Sumpter, Beverly A CIV USAF SAF-PA (USA) <beverly.a.sumpter.civ@mail.mil>
Subject: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

Hi Carolyn and Beverly,

I sent a new manuscript review to you on the siprnet. Attached is the Form 373 for your reference.

Thanks!

Kelly McHale
Security Review Specialist
Defense Office of Prepublication and Security Review
Tel: 703.614.4903

How am I doing? Let me know at https://ice.disa.mil/index.cfm?fa=card&sp=139133&s=110&dep=*DoD

McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 12:20 PM
To: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA); WHS Pentagon ESD Mailbox SECREV
Subject: SAF/PA Case Completed: Case Number 2020-0436

SAF/PA has completed the review process for your case on 11 Aug 2020:

Subject: Skinwalkers at the Pentagon: Correcting the Record (Book)

Originator Reference Number: 20-SB-0058/0 Case Reviewer: Beverly Sumpter Case Number: 2020-0436 The material was assigned a clearance of NO OBJECTION on 11 Aug 2020. If local policy permits, the Review Manager for your case, Beverly Sumpter, beverly.a.sumpter.civ@mail.mil, will prepare a hard copy of the review and will forward it via mail or prepare it for pick up.

**Defense Office of Prepublication &
Security Review**
Coordination Record
BOOK MANUSCRIPT

20-SB-0058/0

07/14/2020

To: SECDEF >> AIRFORCE

Case Number: 20-SB-0058/0

Type of Document: BOOK

Pages: 128

Classification: Unclassified

Source: James Lacatski

Requester: Lacatski, James

Purpose: PUBLIC RELEASE

Subject: Skinwalkers at the Pentagon: Correcting the Record

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KELLY MCHALE, Room: 2A534, (703) 614-4903, Email: kelly.a.mchale.civ@mail.mil

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DHS

A reply is requested by: 09/14/2020

COORDINATION OFFICE ACTION

To: Defense Office of Prepublication & Security Review, DOPSR, 2A534, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1155

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BEVERLY A. SUMPTER, SAF/PA	703-697-3222	08/11/2020	<i>Beverly A. Sumpter</i>

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
DEFENSE OFFICE OF PREPUBLICATION AND SECURITY REVIEW
1155 DEFENSE PENTAGON
WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1155

May 11, 2021
Ref: 20-SB-0058

James T. Lacatski
(b)(6)

Dear Mr. Lacatski:

This is in response to your April 23, 2020, correspondence requesting public release clearance of the manuscript titled, "Skinwalkers at the Pentagon: Correcting the Record". The manuscript submitted for prepublication security review is **CLEARED AS AMENDED** for public release. Enclosed are the pages of the manuscript with amendments. Amendments are clearly identified with blacked out text and red text boxes in the margins. Acceptable alternative language is provided for some of the amendments.

This clearance does not include any photograph, picture, exhibit, caption, or other supplemental material not specifically approved by this office, nor does this clearance imply Department of Defense (DoD) endorsement or factual accuracy of the material.

This office notes that your manuscript includes personally identifiable information (PII) and the protected health information (PHI) of former or active duty Service members, DoD employees, and third party individuals, the release of which could be a violation of the privacy rights of these individuals. The release of PHI could be a violation of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996. As the author, you are solely responsible for the release of any PII and PHI and its legal implications. This office recommends that you rewrite the manuscript to eliminate all personal identifiers, including patient name, gender, and age. Alternatively, you may consult the individuals detailed in your manuscript and obtain permission to include their PII and PHI in the manuscript.

Additionally, DoD has concerns with the release of the names of Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) employees. The DoD requires that you obtain permission from the individuals to use their name associated with their DIA position or employment. Specifically, this pertains to Jonathan Axelrod, Susan Burch, and Chris Carlson.

This office requires that you add the following disclaimers prior to publishing the manuscript: "The views expressed in this publication are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the official policy or position of the Department of Defense or the U.S. government." and; "The public release clearance of this publication by the Department of Defense does not imply Department of Defense endorsement or factual accuracy of the material."

If you are not satisfied with this response, you may request that this office reconsider the initial determination. Within 30 days of this response, provide any and all information or explanation of facts that you believe this office should know. You may include citations or copies of similar references that show this information was previously released and already in the public domain, although a mere listing of published citations may not necessarily be sufficient to reverse the initial determination. Please note the wide availability of certain information in open sources does not in and of itself constitute an official DoD or U.S. government acknowledgment, release, or declassification of the information. Additionally, you may rewrite portions of the redacted information and resubmit the manuscript for reconsideration.

You also have the right to appeal this response to the appellate authority. The appeal must offer written justification as described above to support the reversal of each required amendment being appealed. Appeals must be submitted within 60 days from the date of this response. Please submit any reconsiderations, rewrites, or appeals to:
whs.pentagon.esd.mbx.secrev@mail.mil.

Please direct any questions regarding this case to Kelly McHale at
kelly.a.mchale.civ@mail.mil or at (703) 614-4903.

Sincerely,

for

MCHALE.KELLY
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George R. Sturgis, Jr.
Chief

Enclosure(s):
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Skinwalkers at the Pentagon: Correcting the Record

Colm A. Kelleher PhD

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~~Application of withholding of pages 1-23 also covered by exemption (b)(5)~~

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McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA)

From: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA)
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 8:14 AM
To: 'JAMES LACATSKI'
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review
Attachments: 20-SB-0058 Final Response.pdf
Signed By: (b)(6)

Jim,

DOPSR has completed the review of your manuscript. The manuscript is cleared as amended for publication. Attached is our final response and the pages with amendments. If you have any questions about this response, please let me know.

Thanks,
Kelly

From: JAMES LACATSKI (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, May 6, 2021 3:46 PM
To: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA) (b)(6) (b)(6)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

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Jim

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From: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA)
Sent: Thursday, May 6, 2021 2:22 PM
To: JAMES LACATSKI
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

Hi Jim,

I apologize for the lack of response. I'm finishing the compiling on your book. I'll have the response for you next week. Thanks again for your patience. Component input has been very slow to be returned to our office.

Thanks,

Kelly

From: JAMES LACATSKI (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 3:31 PM
To: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA) (b)(6)
Subject: Fw: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

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Hi Kelly,

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Jim

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From: JAMES LACATSKI (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 9:22 AM
To: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA) (b)(6)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

Hi Kelly,

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Jim

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To: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA) (b)(6) JAMES LACATSKI (b)(6)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

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Jim

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From: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA)
Sent: Friday, April 2, 2021 4:38 PM
To: JAMES LACATSKI
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

Hi Jim,

I've been checking back with the last component this week. They confirmed that they are finishing – they are finalizing review with one final sub-component. They are working as quickly as they can. They are a small staff who are working many products but they estimated that they should be done in the next two weeks.

Thanks,
Kelly

From: JAMES LACATSKI (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 8:51 AM
To: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA) (b)(6) JAMES LACATSKI (b)(6)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

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Sent: Friday, March 5, 2021 4:23 PM
To: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA) (b)(6); JAMES LACATSKI (b)(6)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

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Sent: Friday, March 5, 2021 4:00 PM
To: JAMES LACATSKI
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

Jim,

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Kelly

From: JAMES LACATSKI (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, March 5, 2021 1:52 PM
To: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA) <kelly.a.mchale.civ@mail.mil>; JAMES LACATSKI (b)(6)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

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Jim

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From: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA)
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 4:53 PM
To: 'JAMES LACATSKI'
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

Hi Jim,

I'm still waiting on the final review to come back from the component. I've been circling back with them. They seem to be close to finishing but haven't sent it to me yet.

Thanks,
Kelly

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From: JAMES LACATSKI

(b)(6)

Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 4:07 PM

To: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA) (b)(6) JAMES LACATSKI (b)(6)

Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

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Hi Kelly,

(b)(6)

Jim Lacatski

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From: JAMES LACATSKI (b)(6)

Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 10:41 AM

To: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA) (b)(6) JAMES LACATSKI

(b)(6)

Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

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Jim

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From: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA)

Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 5:06 PM

To: 'JAMES LACATSKI'

Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

Hi Jim,

I spoke with the last remaining reviewer last week. They are finishing up their review. They had some delays getting responses from their sub-components but they resolved that and they are finishing up and will be returning their review to me. I will be back in the office tomorrow (I've been on telework for a few days) and I will check if they've returned it to me. As soon as this last review comes in, I'll complete the review package and provide our final response.

Thanks for your patience. We never intend for reviews to take this long.

Thanks,
Kelly

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

From: JAMES LACATSKI (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 3:04 PM

To: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA) (b)(6)

Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

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Jim Lacatski

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From: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA)

Sent: Thursday, December 3, 2020 3:37 PM

To: 'JAMES LACATSKI'

Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

Jim,

I'm keeping the pressure on them. I do not want to redact large swaths of your book so we'll ensure that they respond and adjudicate their information.

Thank you for the well wishes. I hope your holidays are joyous too.

Thanks,
Kelly

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

From: JAMES LACATSKI (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Sent: Thursday, December 3, 2020 1:49 PM

To: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA) (b)(6); JAMES LACATSKI (b)(6)

Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

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From: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA)

Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 1:59 PM

To: JAMES LACATSKI

Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

Hi Jim,

The components have confirmed that they are making progress. We do not allow them to ignore reviews. They are on partial manning so access to on-site computer systems is sporadic. We are in the same posture but are doing all that we can to maximize our time in the office and complete reviews. We are keeping up on the components to ensure that they can continue to respond.

If we cannot get a response from our points of contact, we will elevate the concern.

I appreciate all of your patience with our process. We never intend for reviews to take this long and are doing all we can to keep operations moving.

Thanks.

Kelly

From: JAMES LACATSKI (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 11:55 AM
To: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA) (b)(6); JAMES LACATSKI (b)(6)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

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Hi Kelly,

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Jim

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From: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA)
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 4:00 PM
To: JAMES LACATSKI
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

Jim,

Sorry for the late response. Unfortunately, I still have two components who are reviewing the manuscript. The responses coming back from components has been slow. Most components are on partial office manning and some have had to go

back to full-time telework due to the pandemic. We are working these as quickly as possible but are reliant on the components' review. We are doing outreach with the components and aiding them where we can. I'll keep pushing on them for your book and hopefully we'll have responses back soon.

Thanks,

Kelly

Kelly McHale

Security Review Specialist

Defense Office of Prepublication and Security Review

Tel: 703.614.4903

How am I doing? Let me know at https://ice.disa.mil/index.cfm?fa=card&sp=139133&s=110&dep=*DoD

From: JAMES LACATSKI (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 11:49 AM
To: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA) (b)(6); JAMES LACATSKI (b)(6)
Subject: Fw: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

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Kelly,

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Jim Lacatski

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From: JAMES LACATSKI

Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 10:50 AM

To: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA) (b)(6) (b)(6)

Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

Hi,

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Jim Lacatski

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From: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA)

Sent: Friday, September 18, 2020 10:54 AM

To: 'JAMES LACATSKI'

Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

Hi Jim,

The manuscript is still under review by the components. One component has returned their review and the other two are still outstanding. I'm coordinating with both outstanding reviewers to get an estimated completion on their review. Their reviewers are not in the office full-time because of the pandemic so reviews are taking longer than normal.

Thanks,
Kelly

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From: JAMES LACATSKI (b)(6)

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Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 11:33 AM

To: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA) (b)(6) JAMES LACATSKI (b)(6)

Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

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From: JAMES LACATSKI (b)(6)

Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 10:51 PM

To: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA) (b)(6) JAMES LACATSKI (b)(6)

Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

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From: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA)

Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 3:53 PM

To: 'JAMES LACATSKI'

Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

Mr. Lacatski,

Our work posture has changed to part-time in the office so we are working to get book reviews out to our components and receive their responses. Your manuscript is currently tasked out to 3 components for review. At this time, I cannot

provide a date of completion. Many of our components are in the same manning situation we are, but we are all working as efficiently as we can to continue to complete book reviews. I'm keeping in contact with them to ensure that we can get these reviews done quickly despite the work restrictions.

Thank you.

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From: JAMES LACATSKI (b)(6)

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Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 2:08 PM

To: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA) (b)(6)

Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

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From: JAMES LACATSKI (b)(6)

Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 5:45 PM

To: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA) (b)(6) JAMES LACATSKI (b)(6)

Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

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Jim Lacatski

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From: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA)
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 1:45 PM
To: 'JAMES LACATSKI'
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

Mr. Lacatski,

We have done our initial review of your manuscript and determined that it requires review by several components. Due to the nature of the material, it must be processed on the systems at our work site. We are currently on full-time telework and cannot access our work site systems. As soon as we return to the work site, we will task the manuscript to these components.

I apologize that your book is held up because our operations are interrupted.

Thank you.

Kelly McHale
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Defense Office of Prepublication and Security Review
Tel: 703.614.4903

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From: JAMES LACATSKI (b)(6)

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Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 11:42 AM

To: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA) (b)(6) JAMES LACATSKI (b)(6)

Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

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Jim Lacatski

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From: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA)
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 12:11 PM
To: 'JAMES LACATSKI'
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

Mr. Lacatski,

Thank you for the quick reply and for clarifying the chapter numbering. There is no need to renumber. I can work with the copy you sent.

Thanks!

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

From: JAMES LACATSKI (b)(6)

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Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 12:04 PM
To: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA) (b)(6)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

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From: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA)
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 7:49 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

Mr. Lacatski.

To follow up on my email below, chapters 12 and 16-19 are missing from your manuscript. Can you please email the additional chapters to us?

Thank you.

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From: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA)
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 4:28 PM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

Dear Mr. Lacatski,

This email is to confirm the Defense Office of Prepublication and Security Review (DOPSR) has commenced prepublication review of your manuscript "Skinwalkers at the Pentagon", originally received on March 10, 2020. Thank you for resending the manuscript on April 30. DOPSR will conduct a security review for classified information, controlled unclassified information, operational security related information, and a policy review to ensure accurate statements of DoD Policy. I am the assigned action officer and the manuscript is assigned case number 20-SB-0058.

Manuscript reviews are averaging several months, and have been severely hampered by the current Pandemic mitigation measures that have affected the Department. DOPSR is currently on full-time telework and has reduced capabilities to complete manuscript reviews efficiently. Other factors affecting review times are the complexity of the subject matter, the volume of information, and the number of components with equity in the manuscript. DOPSR continues to strive to

DOPSR does not accommodate publishers' timelines, therefore, we recommend that you do not sign a contract with a publishing company, or provide copies of the manuscript to a publisher or other individuals until the review is complete.

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Please direct any questions regarding this case to me at the contact information below.

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McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA)

From: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA)
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 8:14 AM
To: 'JAMES LACATSKI'
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review
Attachments: 20-SB-0058 Final Response.pdf
Signed By: KELLY.A.MCHALE.CIV@MAIL.MIL

Jim,

DOPSR has completed the review of your manuscript. The manuscript is cleared as amended for publication. Attached is our final response and the pages with amendments. If you have any questions about this response, please let me know.

Thanks,
Kelly

From: JAMES LACATSKI (b)(6) >
Sent: Thursday, May 6, 2021 3:46 PM
To: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA) <kelly.a.mchale.civ@mail.mil>; JAMES LACATSKI (b)(6)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

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Thank you so much.
Jim

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From: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA)
Sent: Thursday, May 6, 2021 2:22 PM
To: JAMES LACATSKI
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

Hi Jim,

I apologize for the lack of response. I'm finishing the compiling on your book. I'll have the response for you next week. Thanks again for your patience. Component input has been very slow to be returned to our office.

Thanks,

Kelly

From: JAMES LACATSKI (b)(6) >
Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 3:31 PM
To: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA) <kelly.a.mchale.civ@mail.mil>
Subject: Fw: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

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Hi Kelly,

Just checking. Hadn't heard back from you.

Jim

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From: JAMES LACATSKI (b)(6) >
Sent: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 9:22 AM
To: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA) <kelly.a.mchale.civ@mail.mil>
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

Hi Kelly,

Still nothing? Almost another four weeks has gone by. On 10 May, we will be at the fourteen month point in this review. I really need to move forward with sending the book to the editor. Our intent is to self-publish through Amazon.

You have previously stated that so far, there were no concerns with the book so you didn't have a review determination to share. Therefore, on the copyright page, I suggest adding a statement such as " Defense Office of Prepublication and Security Review (DOPSR), Case 20-SB-0058, submitted 10 March 2020 for public release authorization " and give the book to the editor.

Since the editor and formater will directly work for me, this allows for some additional time before turning the book over to Amazon. I can still make minor changes in the text and change the DOPSR statement to completed.

We can't let what may very well be one person hold up publication any longer.

By the way, what office is causing the delay?

Thanks,

Jim

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To: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA) <kelly.a.mchale.civ@mail.mil>; JAMES LACATSKI (b)(6)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

Thanks. I'll check back then.
Jim

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From: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA)
Sent: Friday, April 2, 2021 4:38 PM
To: JAMES LACATSKI
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

Hi Jim,

I've been checking back with the last component this week. They confirmed that they are finishing – they are finalizing review with one final sub-component. They are working as quickly as they can. They are a small staff who are working many products but they estimated that they should be done in the next two weeks.

Thanks,
Kelly

From: JAMES LACATSKI (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 8:51 AM
To: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA) <kelly.a.mchale.civ@mail.mil>; JAMES LACATSKI (b)(6)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

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Hi Kelly,

What is our way forward? On 9 February, the remaining reviewer indicated to you that they were finishing up and would be sending their comments. We are now about to enter April.
I am not sure what your office policy is in a situation like this, but can you give them a firm deadline, say two more weeks? Otherwise, we'll assume no comments.

Thanks.
Jim

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Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

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Hopefully they will hurry. Can you send me what you already have?
Thanks.
Jim

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Hi Kelly,

I had hoped to hear from you by now. Is everything still proceeding okay?

Jim Lacatski

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From: JAMES LACATSKI (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 10:41 AM
To: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA) <kelly.a.mchale.civ@mail.mil>; JAMES LACATSKI (b)(6)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

That's good news.
Thanks.
Jim

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From: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA)
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 5:06 PM
To: 'JAMES LACATSKI'

Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

Hi Jim,

I spoke with the last remaining reviewer last week. They are finishing up their review. They had some delays getting responses from their sub-components but they resolved that and they are finishing up and will be returning their review to me. I will be back in the office tomorrow (I've been on telework for a few days) and I will check if they've returned it to me. As soon as this last review comes in, I'll complete the review package and provide our final response.

Thanks for your patience. We never intend for reviews to take this long.

Thanks,
Kelly

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From: JAMES LACATSKI [Caution-Caution-Caution-Caution-Caution-mailto:(b)(6) <(b)(6)>] <(b)(6)>
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 3:04 PM
To: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA) <kelly.a.mchale.civ@mail.mil>
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

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Hi Kelly,

Is the review close to completion? It is now at the 11 month point.

Jim Lacatski

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From: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA)
Sent: Thursday, December 3, 2020 3:37 PM
To: 'JAMES LACATSKI'
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

Jim,

I'm keeping the pressure on them. I do not want to redact large swaths of your book so we'll ensure that they respond and adjudicate their information.

Thank you for the well wishes. I hope your holidays are joyous too.

Thanks,
Kelly

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

From: JAMES LACATSKI [Caution-Caution-Caution-Caution-Caution-Caution-mailto:(b)(6) <(b)(6)>] <(b)(6)>
Sent: Thursday, December 3, 2020 1:49 PM
To: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA) <kelly.a.mchale.civ@mail.mil>; JAMES LACATSKI <(b)(6)>
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

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Kelly,

Okay, please keep the pressure up. I'll contact you again after the holidays. An alternative plan, if feasible, would be to remove or rewrite material pertaining to those components if they don't respond.

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, Jim

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From: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA)
Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 1:59 PM
To: JAMES LACATSKI
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

Hi Jim,

The components have confirmed that they are making progress. We do not allow them to ignore reviews. They are on partial manning so access to on-site computer systems is sporadic. We are in the same posture but are doing all that we can to maximize our time in the office and complete reviews. We are keeping up on the components to ensure that they can continue to respond.

If we cannot get a response from our points of contact, we will elevate the concern.

I appreciate all of your patience with our process. We never intend for reviews to take this long and are doing all we can to keep operations moving.

Thanks,

Kelly

From: JAMES LACATSKI (b)(6)

Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 11:55 AM

To: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA) <kelly.a.mchale.civ@mail.mil>; JAMES LACATSKI (b)(6)

Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

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Hi Kelly,

Thanks for answering. How concerned are you that these two components are never going to respond? Considering that we are entering the holiday season and use-or-lose for excess leave, responses probably will not come in until after New Year's. That will be at the 10 month point after original submission of the manuscript. Is there any way to get a firm response on whether they actually intend to reply, or are they ignoring DOPSR and hoping the issue will just go away? What are the options if they never respond?

Jim

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From: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA)

Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 4:00 PM

To: JAMES LACATSKI

Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

Jim,

Sorry for the late response. Unfortunately, I still have two components who are reviewing the manuscript. The responses coming back from components has been slow. Most components are on partial office manning and some have had to go

back to full-time telework due to the pandemic. We are working these as quickly as possible but are reliant on the components' review. We are doing outreach with the components and aiding them where we can. I'll keep pushing on them for your book and hopefully we'll have responses back soon.

Thanks,

Kelly

Kelly McHale

Security Review Specialist

Defense Office of Prepublication and Security Review

Tel: 703.614.4903

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https://ice.disa.mil/index.cfm?fa=card&sp=139133&s=110&dep=*DoD

From: JAMES LACATSKI (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 11:49 AM
To: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA) <kelly.a.mchale.civ@mail.mil>; JAMES LACATSKI (b)(6)
Subject: Fw: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

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Kelly,

Didn't hear back from you on my email sent 13 Nov 2020. Is the 20-SB-0058 review nearly completed?

Thanks,

Jim Lacatski

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From: JAMES LACATSKI

Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 10:50 AM

To: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA) <kelly.a.mchale.civ@mail.mil>

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Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

Hi,

Could I have an update on 20-SB-0058 "Skinwalkers at the Pentagon"? We are at the eight month point since the manuscript was submitted.

Thanks,

Jim Lacatski

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From: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA)

Sent: Friday, September 18, 2020 10:54 AM

To: 'JAMES LACATSKI'

Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

Hi Jim,

The manuscript is still under review by the components. One component has returned their review and the other two are still outstanding. I'm coordinating with both outstanding reviewers to get an estimated completion on their review. Their reviewers are not in the office full-time because of the pandemic so reviews are taking longer than normal.

Thanks,
Kelly

Kelly McHale

Security Review Specialist

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mailto:(b)(6) < Caution-Caution-Caution-Caution-Caution-Caution-Caution-Caution-Caution-
mailto:(b)(6) >]
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 11:33 AM
To: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA) <kelly.a.mchale.civ@mail.mil>; JAMES LACATSKI (b)(6)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

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Hi,
Could I have a progress update on 20-SB-0058 "Skinwalkers at the Pentagon"? We are at the six month point since the manuscript was submitted. Your last email from two months ago indicated that 3 components had it for additional review.

Thanks,
Jim Lacatski

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<http://aka.ms/weboutlook> >

From: JAMES LACATSKI (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 10:51 PM
To: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA) <kelly.a.mchale.civ@mail.mil>; JAMES LACATSKI (b)(6)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

Thanks.
Jim Lacatski

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<http://aka.ms/weboutlook> >

From: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA)
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 3:53 PM
To: 'JAMES LACATSKI'
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

Mr. Lacatski,

Our work posture has changed to part-time in the office so we are working to get book reviews out to our components and receive their responses. Your manuscript is currently tasked out to 3 components for review. At this time, I cannot

Jim Lacatski

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From: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA)
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 1:45 PM
To: 'JAMES LACATSKI'
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

Mr. Lacatski,

We have done our initial review of your manuscript and determined that it requires review by several components. Due to the nature of the material, it must be processed on the systems at our work site. We are currently on full-time telework and cannot access our work site systems. As soon as we return to the work site, we will task the manuscript to these components.

I apologize that your book is held up because our operations are interrupted.

Thank you,

Kelly McHale
Security Review Specialist
Defense Office of Prepublication and Security Review
Tel: 703.614.4903

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Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 11:42 AM

To: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA) <kelly.a.mchale.civ@mail.mil>; JAMES LACATSKI (b)(6) >

Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

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Hi,

Just wanted to check on the progress made in reviewing of "Skinwalkers at the Pentagon".

Thanks.

Jim Lacatski

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From: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA)
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 12:11 PM
To: 'JAMES LACATSKI'
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

Mr. Lacatski,

Thank you for the quick reply and for clarifying the chapter numbering. There is no need to renumber. I can work with the copy you sent.

Thanks!

Kelly McHale
Security Review Specialist
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Tel: 703.614.4903

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Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 12:04 PM
To: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA) <kelly.a.mchale.civ@mail.mil>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

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Hi,

Actually, you already have all the chapters. 12, 16-19 were place holders for material that was eventually interwoven into the other chapters.

Please let me know if you would like me to renumber the chapters. Dr. Kelleher and I were going to leave the final ordering up to the editor. The text itself is complete.

Thanks.

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From: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA)
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 7:49 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

Mr. Lacatski,

To follow up on my email below, chapters 12 and 16-19 are missing from your manuscript. Can you please email the additional chapters to us?

Thank you,

Kelly McHale
Security Review Specialist
Defense Office of Prepublication and Security Review
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From: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA)
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 4:28 PM
To: (b)(6); (b)(6)
Subject: DOPSR Case 20-SB-0058 - Manuscript Review

Dear Mr. Lacatski,

This email is to confirm the Defense Office of Prepublication and Security Review (DOPSR) has commenced prepublication review of your manuscript "Skinwalkers at the Pentagon", originally received on March 10, 2020. Thank you for resending the manuscript on April 30. DOPSR will conduct a security review for classified information, controlled unclassified information, operational security related information, and a policy review to ensure accurate statements of DoD Policy. I am the assigned action officer and the manuscript is assigned case number 20-SB-0058.

Manuscript reviews are averaging several months, and have been severely hampered by the current Pandemic mitigation measures that have affected the Department. DOPSR is currently on full-time telework and has reduced capabilities to complete manuscript reviews efficiently. Other factors affecting review times are the complexity of the subject matter, the volume of information, and the number of components with equity in the manuscript. DOPSR continues to strive to

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Please direct any questions regarding this case to me at the contact information below.

Kelly McHale
Security Review Specialist
Defense Office of Prepublication and Security Review
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May 11, 2021
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James T. Lacatski

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Dear Mr. Lacatski:

This is in response to your April 23, 2020, correspondence requesting public release clearance of the manuscript titled, "Skinwalkers at the Pentagon: Correcting the Record". The manuscript submitted for prepublication security review is **CLEARED AS AMENDED** for public release. Enclosed are the pages of the manuscript with amendments. Amendments are clearly identified with blacked out text and red text boxes in the margins. Acceptable alternative language is provided for some of the amendments.

This clearance does not include any photograph, picture, exhibit, caption, or other supplemental material not specifically approved by this office, nor does this clearance imply Department of Defense (DoD) endorsement or factual accuracy of the material.

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whs.pentagon.esd.mbx.secrev@mail.mil.

Please direct any questions regarding this case to Kelly McHale at
kelly.a.mchale.civ@mail.mil or at (703) 614-4903.

Sincerely,

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DHS	07/14/2020	09/14/2020	NO OBJECTION	
IN HOUSE	05/06/2021	05/06/2021	NO OBJECTION	

Notes:

KM: This manuscript requires review by DIA, USAF, and DHS. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are putting new manuscripts that need to be worked on a high side system on hold. This manuscript will be tasked out upon return of the workforce to the work site.

Comments (continue on reverse side if necessary):

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Jacobsmeier, Paul J CIV WHS ESD (USA)

From: Jacobsmeier, Paul J CIV WHS ESD (USA)
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 12:33 PM
To: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA)
Subject: RE: Manuscript Plan of Action
Attachments: Outstanding Manuscripts.xlsx

Kelly—probably not on your list of Things to Do today, but if anything occurs to you that I can do to push key closures down the road while you are out, please let me know. VR, Paul

From: Sturgis, George R (Frosty) JR CIV WHS ESD (USA) <george.r.sturgis.civ@mail.mil>
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 8:21 PM
To: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA) <kelly.a.mchale.civ@mail.mil>
Cc: Jacobsmeier, Paul J CIV WHS ESD (USA) <paul.j.jacobsmeier.civ@mail.mil>
Subject: RE: Manuscript Plan of Action

Thanks Kelly,

I like the plan.

Let me know how I can assist.

r/ Frosty

From: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA) <kelly.a.mchale.civ@mail.mil>
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 4:46 PM
To: Sturgis, George R (Frosty) JR CIV WHS ESD (USA) <george.r.sturgis.civ@mail.mil>
Cc: Jacobsmeier, Paul J CIV WHS ESD (USA) <paul.j.jacobsmeier.civ@mail.mil>
Subject: Manuscript Plan of Action

Frosty,

Paul and I crafted a plan of action to tackle the manuscripts especially the oldest ones. We currently have about 55 open manuscripts/appeals.

We've broken down the manuscripts into categories to focus attention on closing the oldest, those that may bring Congressional/attorney/leadership interest, and those that can be closed out fairly easily. These do not need to be running lists but just a glimpse now of what we have and how we could tackle them. Some cases are appearing on more than one list.

7 Oldest Manuscripts
Appeals
Possible Congressional/Attorney Interest
Senior Officials
Easier Close-Out (within 30 – 45 days)

Paul and I are focusing initially on the 3 open appeals and the 7 oldest. I'm asking each action officer whose manuscript appears on a list to provide an update, and for those on the Easier Close-Out list to prepare to be closed by July 31.

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Jacobsmeier, Paul J CIV WHS ESD (USA)

From: Jacobsmeier, Paul J CIV WHS ESD (USA)
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 7:21 AM
To: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA)
Subject: RE: New Books and comments

Wilco. Parking several today.

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From: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA) <kelly.a.mchale.civ@mail.mil>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 7:20 AM
To: Jacobsmeier, Paul J CIV WHS ESD (USA) <paul.j.jacobsmeier.civ@mail.mil>
Subject: RE: New Books and comments

Thanks for going through the new manuscripts. I was confused when I looked at the folder with the re-submissions. Thanks for sorting them out.

0051 - We already flagged this one for USD(P) review. We will park this new version and task when we return to the office.

0058 - This one was stuck in the SECREV PST folder so I couldn't work it. I'll take it. It needs review by several components. I will park it.

0077 - I'll take this one and talk to Keith about whether he needs to review it.


0078 - I agree this one needs NSA review. If you can take it and park it, I'd appreciate it.

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

From: Jacobsmeier, Paul J CIV WHS ESD (USA)
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 1:40 PM
To: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA) (b)(6)
Subject: New Books and comments

Kelly-I perused the New Folder and looked at 2 new books, 20-SB-0077 and 0078, and 2 re-sent manuscripts that are your cases:

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



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

Additional comments, on 2 resent manuscripts also added to the New Folder:

It looks like the authors of 20-SB-0058 ("Skinwalkers at the Pentagon: Correcting the Record") have re-submitted their manuscript with some new material. I mention this mainly because I wonder (b)(5); (b)(6)

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

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

Perhaps you parked it also.

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

Both are yours; I wasn't sure if you had a chance to look at them, as they came in last Thursday.

VR, Paul

Paul J. Jacobsmeyer

Defense Office of Pre-Publication

and Security Review (DOPSR)

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Case Number	Author	Received	Completed	Suspense	Action Officer	Case Documents	Case Routing	Classification	Comments
						Subject: Skinwalkers at the Pentagon: Correcting the Record Doc Type: BOOK Pages: 128			
20-SB-0058	James Lacatski	03/10/2020		06/10/2020	MCHALEK			Unclassified	

Christie, Anthony CIV WHS ESD (USA)

From: JAMES LACATSKI (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 8:30 PM
To: WHS Pentagon ESD Mailbox SECREV; JAMES LACATSKI
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Lacatski Kelleher Request for Book Security Review (Case 20-FB0058)
Attachments: Skinwalker For DOPSR Review_Mar 10_2020.docx; Additional Skinwalker For DOPSR Review_Apr 23_2020.docx; Skinwalker For DOPSR Review_Complete_Apr 29_2020.docx
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Speaking with Mr. Tim West this afternoon (29 Apr 2020), he requested that I resubmit chapters of *Skinwalkers at the Pentagon* that were originally sent in on 10 March and the additional chapters sent in on 23 April. A combined copy is also attached, with the 23 April material placed after the bibliography. Thanks.

James T. Lacatski

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Sent from Outlook <Caution-<http://aka.ms/weboutlook>>

From: JAMES LACATSKI (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 12:18 PM
To: whs.pentagon.esd.mbx.secrev@mail.mil <whs.pentagon.esd.mbx.secrev@mail.mil> (b)(6)
<lacatski@msn.com>
Subject: Additional Chapters for Lacatski Kelleher Request for Book Security Review

A preface and two additional chapters are attached for inclusion into the *Skinwalkers at the Pentagon: Correcting the Record* draft emailed to DOPSR on 10 March 2020 for review.

Thank you.

James T. Lacatski

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Sent from Outlook <Caution-<http://aka.ms/weboutlook>>

From: JAMES LACATSKI

Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 11:21 AM

To: whs.pentagon.esd.mbx.secrev@mail.mil <whs.pentagon.esd.mbx.secrev@mail.mil>

Subject: Lacatski Kelleher Request for Book Security Review

Subject: Request for DOPSR Security Review of new non-fiction book *Skinwalkers at the Pentagon: Correcting the Record*

Background: Book will serve as introductory documentation of the unclassified Defense Intelligence Agency's Advanced Aerospace Weapon System Applications Program (AAWSAP), nicknamed Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program (AATIP), DIA contract HHM402-08-C-0072. Contract was in effect from 22 September 2008 until 20 December 2010 with Bigelow Aerospace Advanced Space Studies (BAASS), Las Vegas, NV.

Authors: Colm A. Kelleher PhD – AAWSAP program manager at BAASS

James T. Lacatski DEng (DIA retired 13 May 2016) – AAWSAP program manager at DIA, contracting officer representative(COR), security coordinator, and counter intelligence coordinator

Knowledge of Book Contents: Besides the authors, the only personnel that are still employed with the government and can attest to the contents of this book are Ms. (b)(6) at DIA and Mr. (b)(6) at Office of Naval Intelligence.

Review Time: A security review time with response to the authors of 30 days is requested. The AAWSAP documentation (see pages 107-114 in the book) used to write the book is all unclassified with the exception of the contents of DIRD 22.

Note: Please confirm receipt of this book security review submission and note any case or review number assigned.

Thank you.

James T. Lacatski

(b)(6)

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Jacobsmeier, Paul J CIV WHS ESD (USA)

From: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA)
Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2020 12:36 PM
To: Jacobsmeier, Paul J CIV WHS ESD (USA)
Subject: RE: Status Inquiry

Thanks Paul. I'm going to start a folder in my email with all of the responses.

From: Jacobsmeier, Paul J CIV WHS ESD (USA) (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2020 12:06 PM
To: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA) (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Status Inquiry

Thanks, Kelly. Sorry most of these are yours, if I can help with some, let me know.

I'll try to come up with a proposed spread sheet today for our "Pandemic Office Sorting" and run it by you so I can do the recording scut work tomorrow. Have one closure letter to generate and I can move on to it.

From: McHale, Kelly A CIV WHS ESD (USA) (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2020 11:30 AM
To: Jacobsmeier, Paul J CIV WHS ESD (USA) (b)(6)
Subject: FW: Status Inquiry

DIA statuses

From: ~DIA Prepub_Rvw <DIA_Prepub_Rvw.DIA_Prepub_Rvw@dodis.mil>
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(b)(5); (b)(6)

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Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 5:58 PM

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Thanks!

Kelly

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Thanks Anita! I really appreciate the updates. We're not getting too much pressure from any of the authors. Your timelines below work for us. If we need any responses sooner, I'll let you know.

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