



**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION DIVISION  
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WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1155**

Ref: 23-F-0946  
September 18, 2023

Mr. John Greenewald, Jr.  
The Black Vault, Inc.  
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Castaic, CA 91384

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is a final response to your June 5, 2023 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, a copy of which is enclosed for your convenience. We received your request on June 5, 2023, and assigned it FOIA case number 23-F-0946. 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 15 pages determined to be responsive to your request. Mr. Paul Jacobsmeyer, Deputy Chief, DOPSR, in his capacity as an Initial Denial Authority, has determined that portions of the 15 responsive pages are exempt from release pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6), disclosure of which 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, Kayla Webster, at [kayla.n.webster2.civ@mail.mil](mailto:kayla.n.webster2.civ@mail.mil) or 571-372-0440. 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, at 571-372-0462, or by email at [OSD.FOIALiaison@mail.mil](mailto:OSD.FOIALiaison@mail.mil). 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:

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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 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](mailto: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 23-F-0946 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, Kayla Webster, and reference FOIA case number 23-F-0946, if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

*for Pamela Andrews*  
Stephanie L. Carr  
Chief

Enclosures:  
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DEFENSE OFFICE OF PREPUBLICATION AND SECURITY REVIEW  
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April 04 2023  
Ref: 23-S-1405

Dear David C. Grusch:

This is in response to the enclosed correspondence requesting public release approval of the enclosed paper titled:

- “Speaker/Author Summary”

The paper is **APPROVED** for public release. However, this approval does not include any photograph, picture, exhibit, caption, or other supplemental material not specifically approved by this office. Our concurrence for release does not imply DoD endorsement or factual accuracy of the material.

Please direct any questions regarding this case to Ms. Michele Whigham at 703-614-4903, email: [michelle.whigham.civ@mail.mil](mailto:michelle.whigham.civ@mail.mil).

Sincerely,

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George R. Sturgis, Jr.  
Chief

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## WHS Pentagon ESD Mailbox **SECRET**

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**From:** David Grusch (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 7, 2023 1:00 PM  
**To:** WHS Pentagon ESD Mailbox **SECRET**  
**Subject:** Summary for Review  
**Attachments:** 20230307\_dd1910\_GruschD.pdf; DCG Summary for DoPSR.docx

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Good Afternoon,

Please see attached for review for public release.

v/r,  
David Grusch

## Jacobsmeyer, Paul J CIV WHS ESD (USA)

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**From:** Kluzik, Donald E CIV WHS ESD (USA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 8, 2023 7:53 AM  
**To:** Jacobsmeyer, Paul J CIV WHS ESD (USA)  
**Subject:** FW: Case 1707  
**Signed By:** donald.e.kluzik.civ@mail.mil

Here's an email about 23-S-1707.

Don Kluzik  
Washington Headquarters Services  
Executive Services Directorate  
Defense Office of Prepublication and Security Review  
Room 2A534  
703-614-4931

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**From:** Kluzik, Donald E CIV WHS ESD (USA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 6, 2023 9:30 AM  
**To:** Whigham, Michelle CIV WHS ESD (USA) <michelle.whigham.civ@mail.mil>  
**Subject:** RE: Case 1707

Good morning Michelle,

Vague references to sensitive areas like this are not a problem. If there had been something more substantial then further review would have been necessary.

Don Kluzik  
Washington Headquarters Services  
Executive Services Directorate  
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**From:** Whigham, Michelle CIV WHS ESD (USA) <michelle.whigham.civ@mail.mil>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 6, 2023 9:17 AM  
**To:** Kluzik, Donald E CIV WHS ESD (USA) <donald.e.kluzik.civ@mail.mil>  
**Subject:** Case 1707

Good Morning Don,

I have reviewed the interview questions for Case 1707. Although he does not divulge specific sensitive information, the author makes reference to sensitive areas. I just wanted you to review.

v/r,

Michelle Whigham  
Security Review Specialist

Washington Headquarters Services  
Executive Services Directorate  
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Apr 06, 2023

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Interview Question Submission 20230406

UAP=Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena

1) Q: Can you expand “a publicly unknown Cold War for recovered and exploited physical material that has been waged under the noise floor for decades”

A: (b)(6)  
(b)(6)

2) Q: What recovered physical material are you referring to? What is the nature/source of the material? When was it retrieved?

A: (b)(6)  
(b)(6)

3) Q: How many programs did you uncover? Are they still active today? Were you able to determine the specific individuals involved?

A: (b)(6)  
(b)(6)



4) Q: You may remember that Senator Harry Reid strongly suggested that they were at Lockheed Martin. He said in the *The New Yorker*: ““I was told for decades that Lockheed had some of these retrieved materials. And I tried to get, as I recall, a classified approval by the Pentagon to have me go look at the stuff. They would not approve that.”

A: (b)(6)

(b)(6)

5) Why were you so severely harassed? This must have something to do with the implications and explosive nature of what you uncovered... it was a threat because of what it revealed...?

A: (b)(6)

(b)(6)

8) Q: What was the "unfathomable and constitutional dilemma" that you refer to?

A: (b)(6)

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

10) Why are you doing this? In other words, why is it important to you that this information come out? Do you believe that humanity has a right to the knowledge that we are not alone? It is paradigm shift... is this something that the planet should have, rather than this very basic truth be kept secret?

A: (b)(6)

(b)(6)



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April 06 2023  
Ref: 23-S-1707

Dear David C. Grusch:

This is in response to the enclosed correspondence requesting public release approval of the enclosed interview questions titled:

- “Interview Question Submission 20230406 UAP=Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena”

The interview questions are **APPROVED** for public release. However, this approval does not include any photograph, picture, exhibit, caption, or other supplemental material not specifically approved by this office. Our concurrence for release does not imply DoD endorsement or factual accuracy of the material.

Please direct any questions regarding this case to Ms. Michele Whigham at 703-614-4903, email: [michelle.whigham.civ@mail.mil](mailto:michelle.whigham.civ@mail.mil).

Sincerely,

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George R. Sturgis, Jr.  
Chief

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## 1. DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION

a. TYPE Manuscript	b. TITLE Speaker/Author Summary
c. PAGE COUNT 1	d. SUBJECT AREA Unidentified Anomalous Phenomenon (UAP)

## 2. AUTHOR/SPEAKER

a. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) Grusch, David C	b. RANK GG-15	c. TITLE Senior GEOINT Capabilities Requirements Officer
d. OFFICE AOV	e. AGENCY NGA	

## 3. PRESENTATION/PUBLICATION DATA (Date, Place, Event)

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## 4. POINT OF CONTACT

a. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) Grusch, David C	b. EMAIL (b)(6)	c. TELEPHONE NO. (Include Area Code) (b)(6)
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## DOPSR Action

**Recommended Action**

- Cleared
- Cleared with Recommendations
- Cleared as Amended
- Not Cleared
- See Memo Attached

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**Final Action**

- Cleared
- Cleared with Recommendations
- Cleared as Amended
- Not Cleared
- See Memo Attached

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**Notes:**

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## DOPSR Action

**Recommended Action**

- Cleared
- Cleared with Recommendations
- Cleared as Amended
- Not Cleared
- See Memo Attached

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**Final Action**

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- Cleared with Recommendations
- Cleared as Amended
- Not Cleared
- See Memo Attached

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**Subject:** Interview Question Submission  
**Attachments:** 20230406 Grusch DOPSR Submission.docx

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Good Afternoon,

Here is a future Q&A for review. This was created on my own personal accord and was not a document that was part of my previous official work as a government civilian.

-David Grusch



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