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

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is a final response to your January 19, 2023 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, a copy of which is enclosed for your convenience. We received your request and responsive document from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), totaling one page, on June 28, 2023, and assigned it FOIA case number 23-F-1040. We ask that you use this number when referring to your request.

The Office of the Under Secretary for Intelligence & Security (I&S), a component of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, conducted a review of the record provided by NASA that had been determined to be responsive to your request. The I&S Initial Denial Authority has determined that portions of the one responsive page are exempt from release pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (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, Hillary Maravilla, at 571-372-0418 or Hillary.e.maravilla.civ@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, at 571-372-0462, or by email at 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:

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

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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. If you use email, please include the words "FOIA Appeal" in the subject of the email. Please also reference FOIA case number 23-F-1040 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, Hillary Maravilla, and reference FOIA case number 23-F-1040, if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Stephen L. Fisher

Stephanie L. Carr

Chief

Enclosures: As stated

Referred to Department of Defense

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