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Ref: 18-F-0324

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

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is the final response to your December 17, 2017, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, a copy of which is attached for your convenience. We received your request on December 18, 2017 and assigned it FOIA case number 18-F-0324. We ask that you use this number when referring to your request.

The Executive Services Directorate (ESD), a component of the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), conducted a search of their records systems based on the information provided in your request. After thorough searches of the electronic records and files of ESD, no documents of the kind you described could be identified. We believe that this search method was appropriate and could reasonably be expected to produce the requested records if they existed. Further, we have determined that the information you are seeking may fall under the cognizance of the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA). As DIA operates its own FOIA/PA office, we have forwarded your request to their office for direct response to you. If you should have any questions regarding the processing of this information, you may contact DIA directly at the following address:

Defense Intelligence Agency 7400 Pentagon ATTN: DLOC FAC2A1 Washington, D.C. 20301-7400

This action closes your request within this office. There are no assessable fees associated with this response. If you are not satisfied with this response, you may contact our OSD FOIA Public Liaison, Jim Hogan, at 571-372-0462 or by email at OSD.FOIALiaison@mail.mil. Also, please note that the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) offers services to requesters who have disputes with Federal agencies. You may contact OGIS if you have concerns about the processing of your request. Their contact information is provided below:

Office of Government Information Services National Archives and Records Administration 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS College Park, MD 20740 E-mail: <u>ogis@nara.gov</u> 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, Director of Oversight and Compliance, Office of the Secretary of Defense, by writing directly to ODCMO Directorate for Oversight and Compliance, 4800 Mark Center Drive, ATTN: DPCLTD, 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 use the OSD FOIA request portal at http://pal.whs.mil/palMain.aspx or 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 case number 18-F-0324 in any appeal correspondence

If you have any questions about the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact, the Action Officer assigned to your request, Irina Tsiklik, at <u>Irina.Tsiklik.civ@mail.mil</u> or 571-372-0465.

Sincerely,

' Stephanie L. Carr Chief

Enclosures: As stated

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From: Sent: To: Subject: John Greenewald <john@greenewald.com> Sunday, December 17, 2017 1:39 AM WHS MC-ALEX ESD Mailbox OSD-JS FOIA Requester Service Center [Non-DoD Source] FOIA REQUEST

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To whom it may concern,

This is a non-commercial request made under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 5 U.S.C. S 552. My FOIA requester status as a "representative of the news media." I am a freelance television producer often working on documentaries related to my FOIA requests, my work is commonly featured throughout major news organizations, and I freelance writer for news sites as well. Examples can be given, if needed.

I prefer electronic delivery of the requested material either via email to john@greenewald.com, FAX 1-818-659-7688 or via CD-ROM or DVD via postal mail. Please contact me should this FOIA request should incur a charge.

I respectfully request a copy of records, electronic or otherwise, of the following:

1) The resignation letter of Mr. Luis Elizondo, DoD personnel who played a role in The Advanced Aviation Threat Identification Program.

2) Any/all responses by Secretary of Defense James Mattis, or any other DoD official to Mr. Elizondo regarding his resignation.

3) Any/all letters, memos, recommendations, email, etc. sent from Mr. Elizondo, to any DoD official, regarding the declassification or public release of videos, as obtained by the Advanced Aviation Threat Identification Program.

4) Any/all response to Mr. Elizondo, and his effort to get videos or material evidence in the Advanced Aviation Threat Identification Program released to the public.

Thank you so much for your time, and I am very much looking forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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