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Sent via email to: john@greenewald.com

Mr. John Greenewald
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Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is in reference to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)/Privacy Act (PA) request dated May 30, 2019. Your request was received in our office on the same day and assigned case number DON-NAVY-2019-007448.

In the course of processing your FOIA request this office contacted the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Information Warfare (OPNAV N2/N6) to conduct a search for records responsive to your request. Accordingly, OPNAV N2/N6 searched their local files for records relating to "...Graves and four other Navy pilots, who said in interviews with The New York Times that they saw the objects in 2014 and 2015 in training maneuvers from Virginia to Florida off the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt, make no assertions of their provenance. But the objects have gotten the attention of the Navy, which this year sent out new classified guidance for how to report what the military calls unexplained aerial phenomena, or unidentified flying objects. Joseph Gradisher, a Navy spokesman, said the new guidance was an update of instructions that went out to the fleet in 2015, after the Roosevelt incidents...I respectfully request a copy of records, electronic or otherwise, of the regulation/guidelines that Mr. Gradisher referenced issued in 2015..."

OPNAV N2/N6 has identified 1 classified record that is responsive to your request. Upon review of the responsive document, they have determined that all portions are exempt from release under FOIA 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1), in accordance Executive Order 13526, Section 1.4 parts (c) Intelligence Activities (including special activities), Intelligence Sources or Methods, or Cryptology; and e) Scientific Technological, or Economic Matters Relating to the National Security.

Because your request is denied in its entirety, you are advised of your right to appeal this determination by writing to:

Office of the Judge Advocate General
1322 Patterson Ave SE Ste 3000
Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066

Your appeal must be postmarked within ninety calendar days from the date of this letter. A copy of your initial request and this letter must accompany the appeal. The appeal should be marked "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEAL" both on the envelope and the face of the letter. In order to expedite the appellate process and ensure full consideration of your appeal, your appeal should contain a brief statement of the reasons you believe this decision to be in error.

In this instance, the fees associated with the processing of your request are waived, but this action is not indicative of how future requests will be handled.

For this determination, you have the right to seek dispute resolution services from either the DoD Navy Component FOIA Public Liaison, Mr. Chris Julka, at: Christopher.a.julka@navy.mil, via phone: (703) 697-0031; or by contacting the Office of Government Information Services at: (<https://ogis.archives.gov/>), (202) 741-5770, ogis@nara.gov.

Questions regarding the action this office has taken to process your request may be directed to our FOIA Service Center at (202) 685-0412 or via email at donfoia-pa@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. Strong', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

R. Strong
Deputy Director,
DON FOIA/PA Program Office

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