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REF: FOIA Case F-2020-00092

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Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is in response to your request dated 3 July 2020 and received in the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) on 6 July 2020. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), you requested a, "A copy of records, electronic or otherwise, of reports, letters, memos, etc. that pertain to "UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS" or "UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENON" or "UAPS" or "UFOs" etc. Therfore, I ask, that you include the following as responsive:

- 1) All reports, memos, letters and investigations on "UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS" or "UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA" or "UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENON" etc.
- 2) All guidelines, procedures or manuals (or instructions etc.) that pertain to the way these "UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS" or "UNIDENTIFED AERIAL PHENOMENA" or "UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENON" etc are reported."

We have processed your request in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended. A thorough search of our files and databases located one document responsive to your request. It is being denied to you in full.

Material withheld from release is denied pursuant to FOIA exemptions:

- (b) (1) as properly classified information under Executive Order 13526, Section 1.4(c) and (g); and
- (b)(3), which is the basis for withholding information exempt from disclosure by statute. The relevant withholding statute is 10 U.S.C. § 424, which provides (except as required by the President or for information provided to Congress), that no provision of law shall be construed to require the disclosure of the organization or any function of the NRO; the number of persons employed by or assigned or detailed to the NRO; or the

name or official title, occupational series, grade, or salary of any such person.

You have the right to appeal this determination to the NRO Appellate Authority, 14675 Lee Road, Chantilly, VA 20151-1715, within 90 days of the above date. You may also submit an appeal electronically through the National FOIA Portal at www.foia.gov or via email to FOIA@nro.mil. Please include an explanation of the reason(s) for your appeal as part of your submission. The FOIA also provides that you may seek dispute resolution for any adverse determination through the NRO FOIA Public Liaison and/or through the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). Please refer to the OGIS public web page at www.ogis.archive.gov for additional information.

If you have any questions, please call the Requester Service Center at (703) 745-0600 and reference case number F-2020-00092.

Sincerely,

Anita Casamento FOIA Public Liaison

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