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Dear Mr. Greenewald

This responds to your, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request 2023-02194-F, which seeks the following:

- **I respectfully request a copy of records (which includes videos/photos), electronic or otherwise, of the following:**
- **All visual imagery captured from the shutdown of balloons/Unidentified Aerial Objects on February 4, 2023, off the coast of South Carolina; February 10, 2023, over Alaska; February 11, 2023, over Yukon; and February 12, 2023, over Lake Huron.**
- **I ask that you include all photos, videos, cockpit footage, personal cell phone photos/videos take by the pilots could have given to the DoD, etc.**
- **Please search all classified and unclassified records**

The 1 Fighter Wing (1 FW) has conducted a thorough search for responsive records to your request. Your request was processed under FOIA and was coordinated with the office of primary responsibility. Please note that, consistent with your request, under Exemption 1 and AFMAN 33-302, referencing Executive Order (EO) 13526 that apply to the continued classification of information, the requested information is withheld and not releasable.

Please see Exemption 1 below:

FOIA EXEMPTION 1

FOIA Exemption 1, 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(1), protects from disclosure national security information concerning the national defense or foreign policy, provided that it has been properly classified in accordance with Executive Order 13526. In this instance Sections 1.4(c) and 1.4(e) of the executive order apply. If the information qualified as Exemption 1, there is no discretion regarding its release. DoD 5400.7-R AFMAN 33-302, para C3.2.1.1. classification authorities are given great deference in deciding

whether information is properly classified. Taylor v. Dept of the Army, 684 F.2d 99, 109 (D.C. Cir. 1982) (according “utmost deference” to affidavits explaining classification decision).

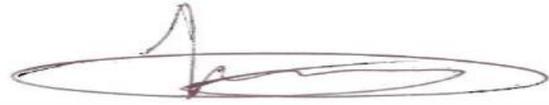
If you disagree and interpret this response as an adverse action, you may write to the Secretary of the Air Force, Thru:

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Within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Include in the appeal your reasons for reconsideration, and attach a copy of this letter. You may also submit your appeal on line at the Air Force’s Public Access Link: <https://www.efoia.af.mil/palMain.aspx>.

Direct questions to 633abw.foia@us.af.mil or call 757-764-7414 and reference FOIA case number 2023-02194-F.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Timothy A. Lyon', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with a large initial 'T' and a long horizontal stroke.

TIMOTHY A. LYON, CIV, USAF
Freedom of Information Act Manager

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