



**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
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Ref: 23-F-0647

May 31, 2023

Mr. John Greenewald Jr.
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Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is a final response to your March 27, 2023 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, a copy of which is enclosed for your convenience. We received your request on March 27, 2023, and assigned it FOIA case number 23-F-0647. We ask that you use this number when referring to your request.

After review of your request, it has been determined that the fact of the existence or nonexistence of records which would reveal a connection or interest in the matters relating to records compiled for law enforcement purposes pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(7)(A), which authorizes the withholding of "records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that production of such law enforcement records or information . . . could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings"; and (b)(7)(E), affords protection to all law enforcement information that "would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law." Please note that we have considered the foreseeable harm standard when 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 request.

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, Shannon Cooper, at shannon.a.cooper.civ@mail.mil or 571-372-0412. 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. The contact information for OGIS is as follows:

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National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS
College Park, MD 20740
E-mail: ogis@nara.gov
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Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

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, by writing directly 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-0647 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, Shannon Cooper, and reference FOIA case number 23-F-0647, if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Stephen L. Fisher
Stephanie L. Carr
For Chief

Enclosure:
As stated

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