



**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
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WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1155**

Ref: 22-F-0954
January 9, 2023

Mr. John Greenewald, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is a final response to your May 26, 2022 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, a copy of which is enclosed for your convenience. We received your request on May 26, 2022, and assigned it FOIA case number 22-F-0954. We ask that you use this number when referring to your request.

The Secretary of Defense Communications office, a component of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, conducted a search of their records systems and located three pages determined to be responsive to your request. Mr. Brian Kreitlow, Chief, Assessment, Capabilities & Integration Division, Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence & Security, in his capacity as an Initial Denial Authority, has determined that portions of the three responsive pages are exempt from release. The redacted information is exempt from disclosure pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), information that, if released, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of individuals. Please note that we have considered the foreseeable harm standard when reviewing records and 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 requests.

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, Raymond Hartwick, at raymond.j.hartwick.civ@mail.mil or 571-372-0432. 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 to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS
College Park, MD 20740
E-mail: ogis@nara.gov
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, Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Privacy Civil Liberties, and Transparency (PCLT), Office of the Secretary of Defense, 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 22-F-0954 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, Raymond Hartwick, and reference FOIA case number 22-F-0954, if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

for Pamela Andrews
Stephanie L. Carr
Chief

Enclosures:
As stated

Hartwick, Raymond J Jr CIV WHS ESD (USA)

From: Elizondo, Luis D CIV (US)
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 7:07 PM
To: Mikolay, Justin SES SD
Subject: Re: My email

Justin, I have you Lima-Charlie. Let me know your schedule next week and I will accommodate. Hopefully I can be helpful and shed some light on the topic.

Best,
Lue

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Mikolay, Justin SES SD
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 5:12 PM
To: Elizondo, Luis D CIV (US)
Subject: My email

Luis, here is my email. Good talking with you this morning.

Best,
Justin

Hartwick, Raymond J Jr CIV WHS ESD (USA)

From: Mikolay, Justin SES SD
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 4:50 PM
To: Elizondo, Luis D CIV (US)
Subject: RE: Availability

Hi Luis, can you pls give me a call at your convenience? (b)(6)

Thanks,
Justin

-----Original Message-----

From: Elizondo, Luis D CIV (US) [mailto:(b)(6)]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 10:09 AM
To: Mikolay, Justin SES SD (b)(6)
Subject: Availability

Greetings Justin,
I hope you had a pleasant weekend (I am sure very busy). My schedule is flexible this week and I can make myself available according to your calendar.
Best,
Lue

Hartwick, Raymond J Jr CIV WHS ESD (USA)

From: (b)(6) CIV SD
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2017 11:54 AM
To: Mikolay, Justin SES SD
Subject: Re: Greetings

Yes, let's chat when I am back in the office. Thanks, Justin!

(b)(6)

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 19, 2017, at 11:14 AM, Mikolay, Justin SES SD (b)(6) wrote:

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> FYI, I don't plan to respond unless you and I talk first. Thanks.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Elizondo, Luis D CIV (US) [mailto:(b)(6)]

> Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2017 9:44 AM

> To: Mikolay, Justin SES SD

> Subject: Greetings

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> Greetings Justin,

> I hope all is well with you and yours... If your schedule permits, may I suggest a quick (minute or less) informal dialogue on another program I manage? I suspect aspects of the program will come across you and the Boss' desk in the immediate near term (if not already) and as such, you probably want to have some facts should you be asked to provide advice on the particular topic. Nothing urgent but probably relevant...


> Hope all is well,

> Very Best,

> Lue

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