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May 5, 2026

Mr. John Greenwald
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Dear Mr. Greenwald:

This is a final response to your June 26, 2009, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, a copy of which is enclosed for your convenience. The Office of the Secretary of War/Joint Staff (OSW/JS) FOIA Requester Service Center received your request from the Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC) on July 1, 2009, and assigned it FOIA case number 09-F-1331. We ask that you use this number when referring to your request.

DTIC located 80 pages responsive to your request. Mr. Danny Wilmoth, Management and Program Analyst, Office of the Assistant Secretary of War for Nuclear Deterrence, Chemical, and Biological Defense Policy and Programs, Mr. Donald Canterbury, ADPM, OPS, Defense Advance Research Projects Agency, Mr. Scott L. McPherson, Chief, IMD Declassification Branch, Joint Staff, the Director, Nuclear Policy, Undersecretary of Defense for Policy, Mr. John F. Hackett, Acting Director, Office of Information Programs and Services, Department of State, and Ms. Cheryl Cross-Davison, Chief, Records and Open Government, DIA in their capacities as Initial Denial Authorities, have determined that 80 pages are withheld in their entirety pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552:

(b)(1), information currently and properly classified in the interest of national security. The classified information is exempt from release in accordance with Executive Order 13526, as amended, applying Section 3.3;

(b)(1), which could reveal the identity of a confidential human source, a human intelligence source, a relationship with an intelligence or security service of a foreign government or international organization, or a nonhuman intelligence source; or impair the effectiveness of an intelligence method currently in use, available for use, or under development;

(b)(2), which could reveal information that would assist in the development, production, or use of weapons of mass destruction;

(b)(4), which could reveal information that would impair the application of state-of-the-art technology within a U.S. weapon system;

(b)(5), which could reveal formally named or numbered U.S. military war plans that remain in effect, or reveal operational or tactical elements of prior plans that are contained in such active plans;

(b)(6), which could reveal information, including foreign government information, that would cause serious harm to relations between the United States and a foreign government, or to ongoing diplomatic activities of the United States; and

(b)(8), which could reveal information that would seriously impair current national security emergency preparedness plans or reveal current vulnerabilities of systems, installations, or infrastructures relating to the national security;

(b)(3), information specifically exempted by a statute establishing particular criteria for withholding, applying 50 U.S.C. § 3024(h), concerning the protection of intelligence sources and methods, and 42 U.S.C. § 2168(a)(1)(c), pertaining to Formerly Restricted Data, Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended; and

(b)(6), information which, if disclosed, 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.

Your request has been closed in this office. 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, Jalisa Harden, at jalisa.i.harden.ctr@mail.mil or 571-372-0428. 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 OSW/JS FOIA Public Liaison, Virginia Burke, by email at osd.mc-alex.oatsd-pclt.mbx.foia-liaison@mail.mil or by phone at 571-372-0462. 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, Mr. Michael Kremlacek, Acting Principal Deputy to the Secretary of War for Privacy, Civil Liberties, and Transparency (PCLT), Office of the Secretary of War, at: 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 09-F-1331 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, Jalisa Harden, and reference FOIA case number 09-F-1331, if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adam Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive style.

for Pamela Andrews
Chief, FOIA

Enclosure:
As stated