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NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY  
CENTRAL SECURITY SERVICE  
FORT GEORGE G MEADE, MARYLAND 20755-6000

Serial: J9693-98  
August 21, 1998

Mr. John Greenewald Jr.

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is an initial response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of August 17, 1998 for "all documents pertaining to the year 2000 computer crisis". Your request was received in the NSA/CSS FOIA/PA office on August 21, 1998 and has been assigned case number J9693-98. There are 502 cases ahead of yours in our processing queue. This letter indicates that we have begun to process your request. There is certain information relating to this processing about which the FOIA and applicable Department of Defense (DoD) and NSA/CSS regulations require we inform you.

For purposes of this request and based on the information we provided to you concerning your appeal of your case J9738-97 you remain an "all other" requester, and do not qualify for "academic" status as claimed in this request. As stated previously, you must pay for search time in excess of 2 hours and duplication in excess of 100 pages.

You stated in your request that you agree to pay up to fifteen dollars for the requested material. A March 3, 1997 search and review estimate for material concerning "The year 2000 problem" indicated a minimum cost of \$8,000.00. Considering the responsive records generated since that time, the estimate for processing your request will be considerably higher. In view of your lack of response to the estimate forwarded to you concerning your case J9738-97, and considering the time and cost incurred by this Agency in processing this request, our policy is to request an advance partial payment prior to initiating the search. If you would like us to proceed with the search, we request that you remit a certified check or money order, made payable to the Treasurer of the United States for \$8,000.00 and addressed to National Security Agency, FOIA Office (N5P5), 9800 Savage Road STE 6248, Ft. George G. Meade, MD 20755-6248. Please include the number assigned to this case on any correspondence to ensure that your account is properly credited.

Please be advised that your agreeing to incur the initial and follow-up fees will not necessarily result in the disclosure to you of all or any information you seek. Records responsive to your request may be classified or otherwise exempt from release in accordance with the exemption provisions of the FOIA. The application of these exemptions to NSA information has been consistently approved by the Federal Judiciary.

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Please remember that this is only the initial estimate. When we process your request, and determine the current search and review fees, we will so notify you before continuing. In addition, please be aware that you are liable for duplication fees and those estimates are not included above because we cannot determine the amounts until the search/review has been completed. We will advise of those estimated costs once the records are located. If we do not hear from you within 30 days of the date of this letter, we will assume that you are no longer interested in pursuing the request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Paisley". The signature is written in black ink and is centered on the page.

BARBARA PAISLEY  
Chief  
FOIA/PA Services