



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

FOIA Case: 100952
24 March 2017

JOHN GREENEWALD
THE BLACK VAULT



Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of 27 February 2017 for "any memo to staff issued in January or February 2017 about the need to protect sensitive or internal agency information." Your request was received on 28 February 2017 and has been assigned Case Number 100952. For purposes of this request and based on the information you provided in your letter, you are considered an "all other" requester. Since processing fees were minimal, no fees were assessed. Your request has been processed under the FOIA and the document you requested is enclosed. Certain information, however, has been redacted from the enclosure.

This Agency is authorized by various statutes to protect certain information concerning its activities. We have determined that such information exists in these documents. Accordingly, those portions are exempt from disclosure pursuant to the third exemption of the FOIA, which provides for the withholding of information specifically protected from disclosure by statute. The specific statute applicable in this case is Section 6, Public Law 86-36 (50 U.S. Code 3605).

Since these deletions may be construed as a partial denial of your request, you are hereby advised of this Agency's appeal procedures.

You may appeal this decision. If you decide to appeal, you should do so in the manner outlined below.

- The appeal request must be in writing and addressed to:

NSA/CSS FOIA/PA Appeal Authority (P132)
National Security Agency
9800 Savage Road STE 6932
Fort George G. Meade, MD 20755-6932

- The request must be postmarked no later than 90 calendar days of the date of this letter. Decisions appealed after 90 days will not be addressed.
- Please include the case number provided above.
- Please describe with sufficient detail why you believe the denial of requested information was unwarranted.
- NSA will endeavor to respond within 20 working days of receiving your appeal, absent any unusual circumstances.

You may also contact our FOIA Public Liaison at foialo@nsa.gov for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may 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 Rd- OGIS
College Park, MD 20740
ogis@nara.gov
(877) 684-6448
(202) 741-5770
Fax (202) 741-5769

Sincerely,



JOHN R. CHAPMAN
Chief, FOIA/PA Office
NSA Initial Denial Authority

Encl:
a/s

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(U) Director's Message: "Professionalism and Duty"

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(U) All of us, as members of the Intelligence Community (IC), know that it is our obligation to provide our customers, ranging from the President, the Executive Office of the President, and the White House to the broad range of policy, diplomatic, and military communities, with the highest-caliber analysis, reporting, and services.



(U) We do so from a long history of service to our nation - service that has spanned and will span multiple administrations in the future. We are not about politics, parties, or particular individuals, but rather our oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States.

(U) Just prior to the holiday weekend, a number of media stories stated that elements of the IC are not fully sharing intelligence with the President and the White House staff. This is emphatically not the case for NSA. I am grateful for the Acting Director of National Intelligence who, last week, reiterated our support for the President when he released the following statement: "Any suggestion that the United States Intelligence Community is withholding information and not providing the best possible intelligence to the President and his national security team is not true."

(U) As the transition to the new Administration proceeds, we must continue to focus solely and completely on doing our job and meeting the highest professional standards. Those standards - in how we perform our analysis, write our reports, and interact with and communicate with our customers - will be maintained at all times and I am confident that you have and will continue to do so. We must, as always, strive to be the epitome of the intelligence professional, including ensuring the security of the classified and sensitive information we generate in the course of our duties. Leaking or compromising such information is not in our ethos, and we must continue to maintain that commitment. I have every confidence in you as intelligence professionals, and I am proud of the work you do every day in service to our nation.

(U) Thank you for your commitment and dedication.

MICHAEL S. ROGERS
Admiral, U.S. Navy
Commander, U.S. Cyber Command
Director, NSA/Chief, CSS

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