



NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

14675 Lee Road
Chantilly, VA 20151-1715

28 September 2017

Mr. Joseph T. Page



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REF: FOIA Case F-2017-00127
Request Control Number 944

Dear Mr. Page:

This is in response to your request dated 13 June 2017 and received in the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) on 14 June 2017. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), you requested a copy of **"any declassified (or segregable) NRO-originated documentation (e.g. reports, graphic presentations, images) about existing processes/procedures for Emergency Recovery of Classified Satellite Debris, denoted as 'Emergency Search and Recovery Assistance during M4352-1 recovery planning, if the Gambit film bucket fell on land or into shallow or foreign waters.'"**

Your request has been processed in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended. A thorough search of our files and databases located four documents responsive to your request. These documents are being released to you in part.

Material redacted is denied pursuant to FOIA exemptions:

(b) (1) as properly classified information under Executive Order 13526, Sections 1.4(c) and 1.4(g);

(b) (3), which is the basis for withholding information exempt from disclosure by statute. The relevant withholding statute is 10 U.S.C. § 424, which provides (except as required by the President or for information provided to Congress), that no provision of law shall be construed to require the disclosure of the organization or any function of the NRO; the number of persons employed by or assigned or detailed to the NRO; or the name or official title, occupational series, grade, or salary of any such person; and

(b) (6), which applies to records which, if released, would

constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of individuals.

To the extent that the classified information in the responsive documents is over 25 years old, we have determined that it qualifies for continued classification under Executive Order 13526, Section 3.3 (b) (1).

You have the right to appeal this determination to the NRO Appellate Authority, 14675 Lee Road, Chantilly, VA 20151-1715, within 90 days of the above date. You may also submit an appeal electronically by completing the form available on the NRO's public web site at <http://www.nro.gov/foia/AppealInput.aspx>. Please include an explanation of the reason(s) for your appeal as part of your submission. The FOIA also provides that you may seek dispute resolution for any adverse determination through the NRO FOIA Public Liaison and/or through the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). Please refer to the OGIS public web page at <https://ogis.archive.gov/> for additional information.

If you have any questions, please call the Requester Service Center at (703) 227-9326 and reference case number **F-2017-00127**.

Sincerely,



for Patricia B. Cameresi
FOIA Public Liaison

Enclosures:

- (1) Gambit Film Bucket (M4352) Reentry Plan
- (2) Procedures Emergency Recovery of Satellite Debris
- (3) Gambit Bucket Returns to Earth After 20 Years in Orbit
- (4) Decision Criteria for Recovery of M4352-1