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REF: Tracking number F-2017-00174

Dear Sai:

This is in response to your request dated and received by the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) on 21 September 2017. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), you are requesting "all records described by 5  $U.S.C. \$  552(a)(1,2)" and "all records relating to the fulfillment of this request."

With regard to the first part of your request, the FOIA, in paragraph (a)(3)(A), excepts from search and review the documents outlined in paragraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2) of the FOIA. Furthermore, concerning (a)(2) documents, Department of Defense (DoD) Manual 5400.07, Section 4, "FOIA Libraries", establishes the following:

- (a)(2)(A), Final Opinions: This requirement is met by the public availability of DoD Component websites such as the Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals and Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals. DoD FOIA Program Components are not required to also post or link to these otherwise publically available documents in their FOIA libraries. For DOHA, the website is <a href="http://ogc.osd.mil/doha/">http://ogc.osd.mil/doha/</a>, and for ASBCA the website is <a href="http://www.asbca.mil/">http://www.asbca.mil/</a>.
- (a)(2)(B), Statements of Policy: This requirement is met by the publication of policy documents on the DoD Issuances website at <a href="http://www.esd.whs.mil/DD/DoD-Issuances/">http://www.esd.whs.mil/DD/DoD-Issuances/</a>. Additional NRO-specific policy information is available on the NRO public web site, at <a href="http://www.nro.gov/foia/index.html">http://www.nro.gov/foia/index.html</a>.
- (a)(2)(C), Administrative Staff Manuals or Instructions: As a DoD component agency, the NRO follows DoD administrative issuances. Please refer to the web sites listed in the previous paragraph.
- (a)(2)(D), Frequently Requested Records: These records are available on the NRO public web site, at http://www.nro.gov/foia/declass/frequent.html.

As the documents you have requested are specifically excepted from the FOIA as explained herein, and the URLs provided herein provide full public access to the information you have requested, we are closing the first part of your request with no further action.

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The second part of your request, for "all records relating to the fulfillment of this request", cannot be processed. We can only search for existing records as of the date the request is received; we are not required to hold a request in anticipation of documents that may come into existence after the date of the request. Should you wish to do so, you may submit a new request for this information, and upon receipt of a perfected request, we will initiate processing, to include a search for any responsive records that exist as of the date the new request is received.

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 <a href="http://www.nro.gov/foia/AppealInput.aspx">http://www.nro.gov/foia/AppealInput.aspx</a>. 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 <a href="https://ogis.archive.gov/">https://ogis.archive.gov/</a> for additional information.

If you have any questions, please call the Requester Service Center at (703) 227-9326 and reference tracking number **F-2017-00174**.

Sincerely,

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