



NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

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18 April 2018

MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]  
ATTN: [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: (U) Freedom of Information Act Referral - Mr. Russ Kick

REFERENCE: (U) National Reconnaissance Office  
Case #F-2018-00043

(U) The National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) is in receipt of a request from Mr. Kick requesting "1) ...the two most recent Qualitative Assessment Review (QAR) reports for investigations received by the NRO OIG...2)...results of the two most recent audit peer-reviews..."

(U) In the course of processing Mr. Kick's request (Attachment 1), the NRO located [REDACTED] responsive document (Attachment 2) that originated with the [REDACTED]. The NRO has completed our review of this document and determined that it contains sensitive NRO equities (Attachment 3) that must be redacted prior to release. Material redacted is denied pursuant to FOIA exemption (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. The NRO letter on page 21 of the document is part of [REDACTED] report and should not be separated.

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(U) This case is now being referred to you as the appropriate release authority for your further review, treatment, and direct response to the requester. We will inform the requester of the referral of this document, but we will not identify the recipient agency in our correspondence to the requester.

(U) Per Department of Justice guidance, agencies are encouraged to place consultations and referrals in their queue based on the date of the initial request, which in this instance is 29 January 2018.

(U//~~FOUO~~) If you have any questions, please contact NRO Case Analyst, [REDACTED] and reference case number F-2018-00043.

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Sincerely,

Patricia B. Cameresi  
Chief, Information Review  
and Release Group

Attachments:

1. (U) Mr. Russ Kick's Request

2. (U//~~FOUO~~)

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3. (U//~~FOUO~~)

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