

NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

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24 April 2018

MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

ATTN: [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: (U) Freedom of Information Act Referral and Consultation  
(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//~~FOUO~~) In the course of processing Mr. Kick's request (Attachment 1), the NRO located [REDACTED] responsive documents (Attachment 2) that originated with the [REDACTED]. These [REDACTED] documents are 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 but we will not identify the recipient agency in our correspondence to the requester. The NRO has completed its review of the [REDACTED] documents and determined that one (Attachment 3) contains sensitive NRO equities that must be redacted prior to release.

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(U) Material redacted is denied pursuant to FOIA exemptions:

(b) (1), the material redacted from CIA's report reflects the treatment of the released NRO Audit Report in which NRO determined that a series of unclassified items in the document in the aggregate reveal associations or relationships not otherwise revealed in the unclassified items individually; thus, in the aggregate, the information meets the standard for classification under Executive Order 13526 section 1.7(e); and

(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.

(U) The NRO also located one NRO-originated document that includes [REDACTED] equities (Attachment 4). We ask that [REDACTED] review this document, treat it for any sensitive [REDACTED] information, and return it to the NRO for our final release to the requester. Should you cite statutory authorities in

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support of denial of information, please provide us with the appropriate citations for inclusion in our response to the requester. For your reference, we are including a copy of NRO's treatment (Attachment 5).

(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,  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~~) Untreated Referral documents:

3. (U//~~FOUO~~) Referred Document treated for NRO equities:

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4. (U//~~FOUO~~) Untreated Consultation Document:

5. (U//~~FOUO~~) NRO Treated Consultation Document: