



NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

14675 Lee Road
Chantilly, VA 20151-1715

31 January 2018

Mr. Russ Kick

Email:

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REF: FOIA Cases F-2018-00042 / F-2018-00043
Request Control Number 1006

Dear Mr. Kick:

This is in response to your requests dated and received in the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) on 29 January 2018. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), you are requesting copies of:

"1) ...the two most recent Qualitative Assessment Review (QAR) reports for investigations received by the NRO OIG. This includes:

- the Opinion Letter
- the Observations Letter (if one was created)
- any attachments...
- any response from the NRO OIG (**NRO FOIA Case # F-2018-00042**);

2) ...the results of the two most recent audit peer-reviews. This includes:

- The peer review report, also called the "System Review Report"
- Any "separate letter of comment or other written communication"
- Any "enclosure that describes the External Peer Review scope and methodology, including a list of the audit reports reviewed and the reviewed OIG offices visited. The enclosure should also discuss any limitations and expansions of the scope, if applicable"
- Any "enclosure with the reviewed OIG's official response to the findings and recommendations." (**NRO FOIA Case # F-2018-00043**).

We have accepted your requests. They will be processed in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended.

Since we may be unable to provide responses within the 20 working days stipulated by the Act, you have the right to consider this a denial and may appeal on this basis to the NRO Appellate Authority, 14675 Lee Road, Chantilly, VA 20151-1715 after the initial 20 working day period has elapsed; doing so, however, would exhaust your administrative appeal rights. To preserve these rights, we recommend that you allow us sufficient time to continue processing your requests and respond as soon as we can. You will then have the right to appeal any denial of information after you receive a final response from us for each request. Unless we hear otherwise from you, we will assume

that you agree and will continue processing your FOIA requests on this basis.

The FOIA authorizes federal agencies to assess fees for record services. Based upon the information provided, you have been placed in the "other" category of requesters. Requesters in this category are generally responsible for the cost of search time exceeding two hours (\$44.00/hour) and reproduction fees (\$.15 per page) exceeding 100 pages. We will notify you if it appears assessable fees for processing these requests will exceed the \$25.00 threshold specified in your email. Additional information about fees can be found on our website at www.nro.gov.

If you have any questions, please call the Requester Service Center at (703) 227-9326 and reference the case numbers identified above.

Sincerely,



for Patricia B. Cameresi
FOIA Public Liaison