



NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

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5 May 2021

Mr. Tony Chaney



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REF: FOIA Appeal Case F-2019-00121

Dear Mr. Chaney:

This is in response to your letter dated 5 December 2019 and received in the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) on 2 January 2020. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), you are appealing the NRO's 1 October 2019 response to your 19 September 2019 request for "A copy of all information submitted to this agency requesting surveillance upon myself by the Louisiana Workforce Commission and the Louisiana Attorney General."

As the Appellate Authority, and after a complete review of your request, I have determined that in accordance with Executive Order 13526 § 3.6(a), the NRO can neither confirm nor deny the existence or nonexistence of records responsive to your request. The fact of the existence or nonexistence of such records is itself currently and properly classified; accordingly, your appeal is denied pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b) (1).

You are advised that you are entitled to a judicial review of this determination in a United States District Court in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended.

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If you have any questions, please contact the Requester Service Center at (703) 745-0600 and reference FOIA Appeal case number **F-2019-00121**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Merkt', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Matthew Merkt
Appellate Authority