

NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

14675 Lee Road
Chantilly, VA 20151-1715

8 September 2015

Jeffrey Richelson

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Dear Mr. Richelson:

This is in response to your letter dated 3 May 2012, received in the Information Management Services Center of the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) on 4 May 2012. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), you are requesting "copies of the following articles from Space Sentinel:

On the Brink of a Far Eastern Crisis... (Summer 2007)

Project Poppy, 1973... (Winter/Spring 2008)

The Cold War Ends in Poland (Fall 2008)

[deleted] Satellites as Reconnaissance Assets (Fall 2009)

Don't Stare: The NRO and... Winter 2010."

Your request has been processed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended. A thorough search of our files and databases located five documents consisting of fifteen pages responsive to your request. Two documents have been released to you in part in previous interim releases. At this time, as our final response to your request, the remaining three documents (nine pages) are being released to you in part.

Information is denied pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(1) as properly classified information under Executive Order 13526, Sections 1.4(c), 1.4(d), and 1.4(g). To the extent that the classified information in the responsive documents is over 25 years old, we have determined that it qualifies for continued classification under Executive Order 13526, Section 3.3 (b)(1).

In addition, material is denied pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(3), which is the basis for withholding information that is exempt from disclosure by statute. In this case, the applicable withholding statutes are:

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; and


The Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 U.S.C. § 403, as amended, e.g., Section 6, which exempts information pertaining to the organization, functions, names, titles, salaries, and number of personnel employed by the Agency.

The FOIA authorizes agencies to assess fees for records services. In this case, no assessable fees were incurred in processing your request.

You have the right to appeal this determination to the NRO Appeal Authority, 14675 Lee Road, Chantilly, VA 20151-1715, within 60 days of the above date. Should you decide to do this, please explain the basis of your appeal.

If you have any questions, please call the Requester Service Center at (703) 227-9326 and reference case number F12-0091.

Sincerely,



Patricia B. Camerese
Chief, Information Access
and Release Team

Enclosures:

- 1) A Far Eastern Crisis...
- 2) Project Poppy...
- 3) NASA's LANDSAT Satellites...