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From: John Greenewald, Jr. [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2009 12:44 PM
To: FOIA
Subject: FOIA REQUEST

Dear Sir,

This is a non-commercial request made under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 5 U.S.C. S 552. Pursuant to the U. S. OPEN Records Act of 2007, my FOIA requester status as a "representative of the news media" -- a status entitling me to an unlimited search processing my request, and the first 100 pages free of charge. For examples of my various publication credits in this regard, I refer you to my radio network, and my own personal radio show (syndicated on FM and AM stations) at <http://www.blackvaultradio.com>. My internet website <http://www.theblackvault.com> which holds a vast government document database, along with many freelance articles that I have written, which have also been published in magazines and websites, including OpEdNews.com, UFO Magazine, FATE Magazine, and others.

Additionally, please contact me if the request should incur a charge.

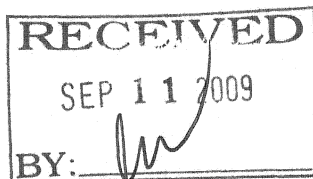
I respectfully request a search of all company emails and letters of correspondence, on all computers, for documents between the office of or Senator Barack Obama himself from the year 2008. Please include all relevant documents pertaining to the communication between both the NRO and Senator/President Elect Obama (in 2008).

Thank you so much for your time, and I am very much looking forward to your response. Please know that electronic delivery of the requested material or correspondence related to this case is preferred and accepted in lieu of paper copies via snail mail.

Sincerely,

John Greenewald, Jr.

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I certify that this shipment is for the official movement of classified and/or sensitive materials in support of government programs and does not contain personal items, unclassified office supplies, or items to circumvent weight limitations applicable to unaccompanied air freight or household effects. To the best of my knowledge, the information listed is accurate and complete.

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7. REQUESTOR'S NAME: <u>(b)(3)</u> (Type or print full name)	8. SECURE PHONE: <u>(b)(3)</u> 9. NON-SECURE PHONE: <u>(b)(3)</u>
10. DATE OF REQUEST: <u>1 Oct 2009</u>	11. SIGNATURE: <u>(b)(3)</u>
12. PROGRAM AND DIRECTORATE: <u>MSO/</u>	14. BADGE #: _____
13. GOVERNMENT VALIDATOR: <u>Linda Hall</u> (Type or print full name)	15. SECURE PHONE: <u>(b)(3)</u> 16. OFFICE: <u>MSO</u>
17. REMARKS: <u>Case F09-0173</u>	

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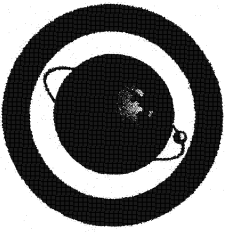
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**NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE**14675 Lee Road
Chantilly, VA 20151-1715

1 October 2009

Mr. John Greenewald, Jr.


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Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is in response to your e-mail dated 10 September 2009, received in the Information Management Services Center of the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) on 11 September 2009. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), you are requesting "...relevant documents pertaining to the communication between both the NRO and Senator/President Elect Obama (in 2008)."

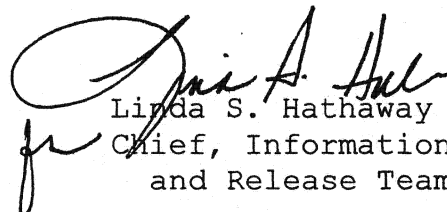
Your request was processed under the Freedom of Information Act, Title 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended. A thorough search for NRO-originated records in our files and databases revealed that we have no responsive records pertaining to your request.

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, which means you are responsible for the cost of search time exceeding two hours (\$44.00/hour) and reproduction fees (.15 per page) exceeding 100 pages. Additional information about fees can be found on our website at www.nro.gov. In this case, no assessable fees were incurred.

You have the right to appeal this determination by addressing your appeal to the NRO Appeal Authority, 14675 Lee Road, Chantilly, VA 20151-1715, within 60 days of the date of this letter. Should you decide to do so, 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 F09-0173.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda S. Hathaway", is written over the typed name and title.Linda S. Hathaway
Chief, Information Access
and Release Team

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2009 4:51 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Case F09-0173 - FOIA Request for Records --- UNCLASSIFIED//~~FOUO~~
Signed By: [redacted]
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(U) A review of our archives did not identify any correspondence with Sen. Obama or his office in CY2008. This is not surprising since he was not associated with any of our oversight committees.

(U) There are some items for Sen McCain. What timeline do you need that information.

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2009 3:52 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Case F09-0173 - FOIA Request for Records --- UNCLASSIFIED//~~FOUO~~
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☐ - see below - the McCain request is identical.

Please report back to ☐ when you finish your search and tell her how long you spent on the search. (This is a metric they have to track.)

Thanks-

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2009 3:50 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Case F09-0173 - FOIA Request for Records --- UNCLASSIFIED//~~FOUO~~
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Thank you very much for your assistance on this FOIA. Our reply is due by COB tomorrow, Sept 30th.

FOIA SEARCH FOR:

"all company emails and letters of correspondence, on all computers, for documents between the office of or Senator Barack Obama himself from the year 2008."

Please pull any related documents and I will be happy to review and provide what's needed to the IART. Thank you again for help!!!

Business Plans and Operations, **BPO/ODIR**

Red Line: [REDACTED]

Black Line: [REDACTED]

Voice Pager: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2009 3:24 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] FOIA (IART)
Subject: RE: Case F09-0173 - FOIA Request for Records --- UNCLASSIFIED//~~FOUO~~
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[REDACTED]
Information Management Services Center
[REDACTED]

Please take our Customer Satisfaction Survey

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2009 11:09 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] FOIA (IART)
Subject: Case F09-0173 - FOIA Request for Records --- UNCLASSIFIED//~~FOUO~~

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Obama himself from the year 2008."

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(U) Offices Tasked: **BPO-Legislative Liaison**

(U) Deadline: **30 September 2009**

(U) If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thanks!

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I. CUSTOMER INFORMATION

I certify that this shipment is for the official movement of classified and/or sensitive materials in support of government programs and does not contain personal items, unclassified office supplies, or items to circumvent weight limitations applicable to unaccompanied air freight or household effects. To the best of my knowledge, the information listed is accurate and complete.

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 7. REQUESTOR'S NAME: _____ (Type or print full name) (b)(3)
 8. SECURE PHONE: _____ 9. NON-SECURE PHONE: _____ (b)(3)
 10. DATE OF REQUEST: 21 Sep 2009
 11. SIGNATURE: _____ (b)(3)
 12. PROGRAM AND DIRECTORATE: MSO
 13. GOVERNMENT VALIDATOR: Linda Hall (Type or print full name) 14. BADGE #: _____
 15. SECURE PHONE: _____ (b)(3) 16. OFFICE: MSO
 17. REMARKS: Case F09-0173 & F09-0174

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II. ORIGINATOR INFORMATION (Not required for Mail Processing Team (MPT) requests)

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III. DESTINATION INFORMATION

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IV. TMC AND TEAM OFFICE USE ONLY

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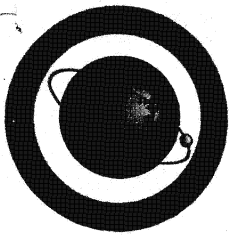
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**NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE**14675 Lee Road
Chantilly, VA 20151-1715

18 September 2009

Mr. John Greenewald, Jr.

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Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is in response to your e-mail dated 19 September 2009, received in the Information Management Services Center of the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) on 19 September 2009. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), you are requesting *"documents pertaining to the communication between the NRO and Senator/President Elect Obama (in 2008)."*

We have accepted your request. It will be processed in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, and the NRO Operational File Exemption, 50 U.S.C. § 432a. Unless you object, we will limit our search to NRO-originated records existing through the date of this acceptance letter.

Since we may not respond within the 20 working days stipulated by the Act, you have the right to consider this as a denial and may appeal to the NRO Appeal Review Panel. It would seem more reasonable, however, to have us continue processing your request and respond as soon as we can. You may appeal any denial of records at that time. Unless we hear from you otherwise, we will assume that you agree, and will proceed on this basis.

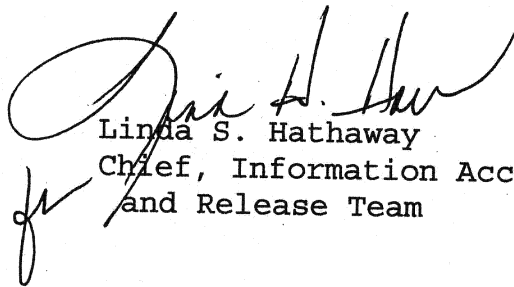
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Your request did not indicate a willingness to pay assessable charges incurred in processing your request. Under the procedural requirements of Department of Defense Regulation 5400.7-R published at 32 CFR 286 (Vol. 52, No. 132, September 1998), requesters must indicate a willingness to pay assessable fees. In this case, we will notify you if assessable fees are expected to meet or exceed our minimum billing threshold of \$25.00.

You have the right to appeal this determination by addressing your appeal 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 F09-0173.

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Signed By: [redacted]
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