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Mr. John Greenewald, Jr.

REF: FOIA Cases F-2016-00051 Appeal Appeal Control Number 176

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is in response to your appeal submission dated 11 March 2017 and received in the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) on 13 March 2017. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), you are appealing the NRO's denial of your 31 March 2016 request for "a copy of the NRO Congressional Budget Justification FY 2015-2016."

Due to an administrative error, we only recently realized that we had failed to acknowledge receipt and acceptance of your appeal; we apologize for this oversight. Please be advised, however, that your appeal was placed in our queue upon receipt of your letter, and that we have been actively processing your request as of that date.

Since we have been unable to meet the statutory time limit for a final response to your appeal, you may consider this to be a denial of your appeal, and you have the right to seek judicial review on this basis in a United States District Court in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 522, as amended. It would seem more reasonable, however, to allow us sufficient time to continue processing your request and to respond as soon as we can. Unless you notify us to the contrary, we will continue processing your request on this basis to provide a response to your appeal at the earliest possible date.

If you have any questions, please call the Requester Service Center at (703) 227-9326 and reference case number F-2016-00051.

Sincerely,

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