Mr. John Greenewald

REF: NRO Case Number F-2016-00130

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is in response to your request dated 16 August 2016 and received in the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) on 17 August 201. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), you requested “a copy of the NRO Congressional Budget Justification Book for Fiscal Year 1996.”

We have processed your request in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended. We located the record responsive to your request; however, after thorough review, we determined that the record must be denied in full pursuant to the following FOIA exemptions: (b)(1), as properly classified information under Executive Order 13526, Sections 1.4(c), (e), and (g); and (b)(3), which is the basis for withholding information exempt from disclosure by statute. The relevant withholding statute is 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.

Additionally, the information meets criteria specified in 1.7(e) of Executive Order 13526 that a series of unclassified items in the document in the aggregate reveal associations or relationships not otherwise revealed in the items individually, and these aggregate associations and relationships meet the standards for classification and are not otherwise revealed in the individual items of information.

You have the right to appeal this determination to the NRO Appellate Authority, 14675 Lee Road, Chantilly, VA 20151-1715, within 90 days of the above date. You may also submit an appeal electronically by completing the form available on the NRO’s public web site at http://www.nro.gov/foia/AppealInput.aspx. Please include an explanation of the reason(s) for your appeal as part of your submission. The FOIA also provides that you may seek dispute resolution for any adverse determination through the NRO FOIA Public Liaison and/or through the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). Please refer to the OGIS public web page at https://ogis.archive.gov/ for additional information.
If you have any questions, please call the Requester Service Center at (703) 227-9326 and reference case number F-2016-00130.

Sincerely,

Patricia B. Cameresi
FOIA Public Liaison