

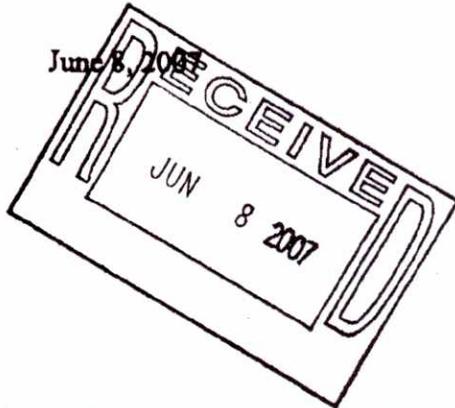


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JEFFREY T. RICHELSON

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Linda S. Hathaway
Chief, Information Access and Release Team
National Reconnaissance Office
14675 Lee Road
Chantilly, Virginia 20151-1715

Dear Ms. Hathaway:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act as amended (5 U.S.C. 522). I request a copy of:

LEO Systems Program Office, U.S. Navy/NRO Program C Electronic Intelligence Satellite(1958-1977), September 3, 1998.

The FOIA provides that if only portions of a record are exempted from release, the remainder must be released. I therefore request that I be provided with all nonexempt portions which are reasonably segregable I particularly request that it be kept in mind that there may exist reasonably segregable portions of classified paragraphs. I also request that any present classified material be considered for declassification.

To permit an intelligent, informed decision as to whether or not to file an administrative appeal of any denial decision, I also request that you describe in detail the withheld records (or portions thereof) and explain the logical and factual basis for exemption claims. See Mead Data v. Department of the Air Force 566 F.2d 242, 251 (D.C. Cir. 1977).

I also request a fee waiver. The fee waiver provisions under section 552 (a) (4) (A) of the FOIA, as amended on April 25, 1987, rewrote section 552 (a) (4) (A) to create categories of requesters entitled to fee waivers. Under those provisions, I qualify for exemption from fees in the "news media" category. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. circuit has unanimously held that for FOIA fee waiver purposes "representatives of the news media" includes any individuals who regularly publish or disseminate information to the public. (See National Security Archive v. U.S. Department of Defense, No. 88-5217, D.C. Circuit, July 28, 1989, as well as Electronic Privacy Information Center v. U.S. Department of Defense No. 02-1233, United States District Court for the District of Columbia, January 16, 2003).

I easily meet this criteria as a result of my books and articles, which have appeared in a wide variety of publications. (A vita is available upon request). My books include *Spying of the Bomb: American Nuclear Intelligence from Nazi Germany to Iran and North Korea* (WW Norton, 2006); *The Wizards of Langley: Inside the CIA's Directorate of Science and Technology* (Westview, 2001); *America's Space Sentinels: DSP Satellites and National Security* (University Press of Kansas, 1999); *The U.S. Intelligence Community* (Westview, 4th ed.1999); *A Century of Spies: Intelligence in the Twentieth Century* (Oxford, 1995); and *America's Secret Eyes in Space* (Harper & Row, 1990).

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My intended use of the material requested above, in light of my extensive publication record, clearly meets the criteria established by statute and case law for preferred fee status under the FOIA as a representative of the news media. As such a representative I am entitled to have search and review fees waived. And given the contribution of my work to enhancing public understanding of the government operations I request that you also waive reproduction fees.

I am willing to fees associated with this request, but if it is expected that any fees are to be charged I be notified in advance.

I look forward to your response within the statutory time period. If you have any questions about this request or any other matters, please contact me at b6 (phone), b6 (fax), or b6

Sincerely,



Jeffrey T. Richelson

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August 14, 2007

BY CERTIFIED MAIL,
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

National Reconnaissance Office
Information Access and Release Team
14675 Lee Road
Chantilly, VA 20151-17175
Attn: FOIA/PA Office



Re: Freedom of Information request

Dear Sir/Madam:

This office represents (b)(3), (b)(6) a citizen of the United States, presently residing in San Juan, Puerto Rico. This letter will constitute a formal request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, on behalf of (b)(3), (b)(6) for copies of any and all records in the possession, custody, or control of your agency responsive to the requests set forth below:

1. All documents and communications concerning the Israel Aircraft Industries ("IAI") and CORE Software Technology Joint Venture, which was popularly known as the "EROS" (high resolution) Satellite Program, and later became known as West Indian Space, Ltd. ("WIS") and still later as ImageSat International, N.V. ("ImageSat").
2. All documents and communications after March 10, 1994 concerning the implementation of PD 23 and its possible adverse impact on the State of Israel.
3. All documents and communications concerning the development of the policy underlying PD 23 among or originated by employees or representatives of the National Reconnaissance Office, including but not limited to Mr. J. Rixey.
4. All documents and communications concerning the Joint Inter-Agency Working Group for Remote Sensing Policy (IWG), including but not limited to documents concerning meetings of and decisions by the IWG related to the State of Israel, the Ofeq (Ofek) military space program of the Israeli Ministry of Defense ("IMOD"), and/or the EROS program.
5. All documents and communications concerning any actual, proposed, or requested restrictions on the deployment of EROS A or any subsequent EROS satellites by the Joint

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Venture Company, West Indian Space, or ImageSat as well as any actual, proposed, or requested restrictions or limitations of the ability of same to do business around the world, including but not limited to doing business with the People's Republic of China, the Republic of China (Taiwan), Angola, or Venezuela.

6. All documents and communications concerning the two-meter limitation on imaging conducted by Israel or the "Satterfield Solution."
7. All documents and communications concerning the use or dual use of Ofeq 5, Ofeq 7, TechSAR, or any other military satellite manufactured by IAI, by any party other than the IMOD, including but not limited to IAI, Northrop Grumman, or the United States Government.

Unless otherwise specified, the relevant time period for the documents identified in this request is March 10, 1994 to date.

Although we have made this request as specific as possible, please feel free to contact me if there are any questions regarding the scope of this request or if any additional information is necessary before it can be fulfilled. In addition, if this request should be addressed to any other governmental offices in addition to yours, please advise me to that effect.

We hereby agree to pay any applicable fees for searching for, reviewing, or copying the records in the amount of up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000). If it is estimated that your total fees in this matter would exceed \$1,000, please advise me in writing of the estimated amount of such fees, the basis on which they have been calculated, and any applicable procedure for seeking a waiver of such fees on the grounds that fulfillment of this Freedom of Information Act request would be in the public interest.

If all or any portion of this Freedom of Information Act request is denied in whole or in part, please advise me in detail in writing of the reasons for such denial and the specific exemption or exemptions to disclosure that you believe to be applicable, and please advise me of the applicable procedures through which I may appeal any such denial.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated prompt response to this request. As noted above, please feel free to contact me at any time with any questions concerning this request.

Very truly yours,



Ira Brad Matetsky

cc:

(b)(3), (b)(6)

F09-0009

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November 20, 2008

Linda S. Hathaway
Chief Information Access and Release Team
National Reconnaissance Office
14675 Lee Road
Chantilly, VA 20151-1715

Dear Ms. Hathaway:

This is a request for records under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act.

I request **an electronic/digital copy on a CD-ROM or by email of each transcript or summary linked directly (for 2006 – 2008) or indirectly (for years 2002 – 2005) to the NRO Town Hall page on your internal website at:**

<http://frontoffice.gwan.npa.ic.gov/townhall.htm>

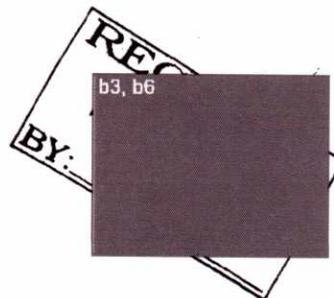
For example, this includes transcripts of Town Hall and All Hands meetings from 2002 through the present.

This is an individual noncommercial request for noncommercial purposes, and falls into the fee category "all other requesters". I agree to pay up to \$30 for costs if necessary, but please let me know if costs will exceed this amount.

Sincerely,



Michael Ravnitzky

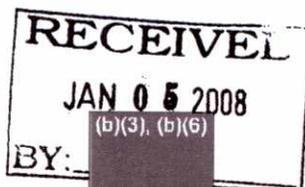


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JEFFREY T. RICHELSON

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January 5, 2009

Linda S. Hathaway
Chief, Information Access and Release Team
National Reconnaissance Office
14675 Lee Road
Chantilly, Virginia 20151-1715

Dear Ms. Hathaway:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act as amended (5 U.S.C. 522).
I request a copies of:

The Director's Notes and Deputy Director's Notes from July 1 - December 31, 2008.

The FOIA provides that if only portions of a record are exempted from release, the remainder must be released. I therefore request that I be provided with all nonexempt portions which are reasonably segregable I particularly request that it be kept in mind that there may exist reasonably segregable portions of classified paragraphs. I also request that any present classified material be considered for declassification.

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I also request a fee waiver. The fee waiver provisions under section 552 (a) (4) (A) of the FOIA, as amended on April 25, 1987, rewrote section 552 (a) (4) (A) to create categories of requesters entitled to fee waivers. Under those provisions, I qualify for exemption from fees in the "news media" category. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. circuit has unanimously held that for FOIA fee waiver purposes "representatives of the news media" includes any individuals who regularly publish or disseminate information to the public. (See National Security Archive v. U.S. Department of Defense, No. 88-5217, D.C. Circuit, July 28, 1989, as well as Electronic Privacy Information Center v. U.S. Department of Defense No. 02-1233, United States District Court for the District of Columbia, January 16, 2003).

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I am willing to pay photocopying fees associated with this request, but if it is expected that the fee will exceed \$25 I request that I be notified in advance.

I look forward to your response within the statutory time period. If you have any questions about this request or any other matters, please contact me at ^{b6} (phone), ^{b6} (fax), or ^{b6}

Sincerely,



Jeffrey T. Richelson

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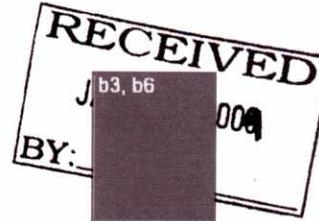
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January 12, 2009

Linda S. Hathaway
Chief, Information Access and Release Team
National Reconnaissance Office
14675 Lee Road
Chantilly, Virginia 20151-1715



Dear Ms. Hathaway:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act as amended (5 U.S.C. 522). I request a copy of:

The charter for the NRO Hard and Buried Targets Working Group

The FOIA provides that if only portions of a record are exempted from release, the remainder must be released. I therefore request that I be provided with all nonexempt portions which are reasonably segregable. I particularly request that it be kept in mind that there may exist reasonably segregable portions of classified paragraphs. I also request that any present classified material be considered for declassification.

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I look forward to your response within the statutory time period. If you have any questions about this request or any other matters, please contact me at b6 (phone), b6 (fax), or b6

Sincerely,



Jeffrey T. Richelson

F09-0058

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From: foia@nro.mil
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 8:05 PM
To: FOIA
Subject: FOIA Request

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May 12, 2009

National Reconnaissance Office
Attention: FOIA Office
14675 Lee Road
Chantilly, VA 20151-1715

Dear FOIA Officer:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

I request that a copy of the following documents (or documents containing the following information) be provided to me:

Would like any releasable documents with a list of monograph titles (i.e. bibliography) contained in the NRO's History Office for the purpose of historical research

In order to help to determine my status to assess fees, you should know that I am an individual seeking information for personal use.

The maximum U.S. dollar amount I am willing to pay for this request is \$10.00. Please notify me if the fees will exceed \$25.00 USD or the maximum dollar amount I entered.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Mr. Graeme Nicholl

Phone: b6
Email: b6

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MAY b3, b6
BY: [redacted]

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FOI-0025

From: foia@nro.mil
Sent: Wednesday, February 04, 2009 8:06 AM
To: FOIA
Subject: FOIA Request

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Feb 04, 2009

National Reconnaissance Office
Attention: FOIA Office
14675 Lee Road
Chantilly, VA 20151-1715

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BY:

Dear FOIA Officer:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

I request that a copy of the following documents (or documents containing the following information) be provided to me:

Task order contract NRO-000-06-C-0015, Sub:156TM.06.006.

In order to help to determine my status to assess fees, you should know that I am an individual seeking information for personal use.

The maximum U.S. dollar amount I am willing to pay for this request is \$1000. Please notify me if the fees will exceed \$25.00 USD or the maximum dollar amount I entered.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Mr. Joseph Spenneberg

Phone: b6
Email:

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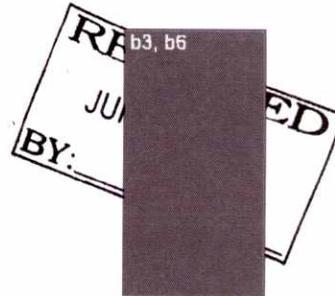
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Sent: Monday, June 01, 2009 9:55 PM
To: FOIA
Subject: FOIA Request

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Jun 01, 2009

National Reconnaissance Office
Attention: FOIA Office
14675 Lee Road
Chantilly, VA 20151-1715



Dear FOIA Officer:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

I request that a copy of the following documents (or documents containing the following information) be provided to me:

Would like any releasable information on the Schriever AFB unit designated the "NRO Operations Squadron" or "NOPS" to include lineage and honors history.

In order to help to determine my status to assess fees, you should know that I am an individual seeking information for personal use.

The maximum U.S. dollar amount I am willing to pay for this request is \$10.00. Please notify me if the fees will exceed \$25.00 USD or the maximum dollar amount I entered.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Mr. Graeme E. Nicholl

Phone: b6

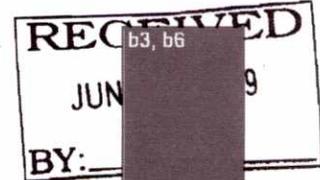
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FOI-0086

From: John Greenewald, Jr. b6
Sent: Tuesday, June 02, 2009 10:45 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. 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 full waiver of your agency's records-processing fees incident to your fulfilling this request. 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, I agree to pay fees up to ten dollars.

In FOIA Request #F00-0084, I requested a copy of the "Jeremiah Report, or a summary of the Jeremiah report." In response, I received a 30 page document that was Executive Summary... however, am curious if there is a full report that this "executive summary" is summarizing.

Therefore, I respectfully request a copy of the full Jeremiah report, assumedly titled, "Report to the Director, National Reconnaissance Office, Defining the Future of the NRO for the 21st Century. Final Report" dated 26 August 1996.

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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F09-0093

From: John Greenewald, Jr. b6
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2009 12:39 PM
To: FOIA
Subject: FOIA REQUEST - RESUBMITTED

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(Please note, this is a resubmit of the previous FOIA sent a few minutes ago. I forgot to stipulate 5 OLDEST FOIA cases on record)

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 full waiver of your agency's records-processing fees incident to your fulfilling this request. 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.

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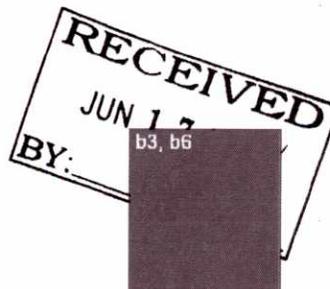
I respectfully request a copy of the 5 oldest **OPEN** FOIA case/requests on record. Please include all letters of correspondence to and from the requesters, all interagency memos/communications, a search of all electronic records, etc.

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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Refer to
Case # F09-34