

ICIG Colleagues,

FOIA Request

This tasker concerns the attached FOIA request, which has been assigned FOIA Tracking No. DF-2023-00219.

We interpret the attached request to be copies of all records and materials submitted or communicated to the ICIG by David Charles Grusch in or around May 2022. This includes, but is not limited to all correspondence, including emails and letters, reports, memos, notes, transcripts of meetings or phone calls, photos/videos, and other documents containing, or pertaining to, the aforementioned information.

IMO considers this be a reasonable interpretation of the request. You should immediately consult with IMO/IRRG if you have any questions or concerns about this interpretation or the scope of the request.

Actions Required

1. Search for records

IMO has identified your component as a possible custodian of records that may be responsive to the above FOIA request. You will therefore need to search all places likely to contain such records. (b)(3)

Each component is responsible for ensuring that a thorough search is conducted. This means your component should determine which search methods and search terms will locate relevant records within your component's possession or control. Again, if you are unclear about what is being requested, or need assistance in formulating your search, please immediately reach out to IMO.

You should also immediately notify IMO if you believe this request is too burdensome or voluminous to process. Provide any information or explanation that supports your position, along with any recommendations that would help narrow the request. We will provide further guidance or, if necessary, attempt to negotiate with the requester.

2. Respond to IMO/IRRG

Each individual in your component who is tasked with searching for potentially responsive records must respond to this request. Such individuals should use the attached questionnaire to memorialize how and when they conducted their search, whether it is merely to indicate that they would not have any responsive records given the particular subject matter, that they searched but located no responsive records, or that they actually located responsive records. The

component's FOIA officer or point of contact should forward IMO/IRRG a copy and retain those questionnaires in the event of litigation.

Once your component has completed its search, the component's FOIA officer or point of contact must notify IMO of the results of that search. All potentially responsive documents must be made available to IMO regardless of the level of classification. IMO will appropriately handle sensitive information. If anyone in your component has concerns about classification, please raise them when you respond to IMO.

3. Identify other potential custodians

If at any point you believe other components may have responsive records, do not forward this request to those other components. Instead, please immediately notify IMO, which will directly coordinate with the other component(s) as necessary.

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

From: DNI-FOIA <DNI-FOIA@dni.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2023 1:08 PM
To: (b)(3),(b)(6)
Subject: [AIN] FW: FOIA REQUEST - EXPEDITED PROCESSING REQUESTED DF-2023-00219 Greenwald - [Link to Attachment(s)]
Attachments: DF-2023-00219 Greenwald ack ltr_converted.pdf

(b)(3)

From: DNI-FOIA
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2023 1:01 PM
To: (b) (6)
Cc: DNI-FOIA
Subject: RE: FOIA REQUEST - EXPEDITED PROCESSING REQUESTED DF-2023-00219 Greenwald

Good Afternoon Mr. Greenwald,

Please see attached acknowledgement letter.

Sincerely,

DNI-FOIA

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, June 9, 2023 12:51 PM
To: DNI-FOIA
Subject: FOIA REQUEST - EXPEDITED PROCESSING REQUESTED

To whom it may concern,

This is a non-commercial request made under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 5 U.S.C. S 552. My FOIA requester status as a "representative of the news media." I am a freelance television producer, with credits listed at:<https://www.imdb.com/name/nm1825298/>

I am often working on documentaries related to my FOIA requests, and frequently write articles based on the FOIA documents I receive. They are read on my own high traffic website (25,000+ people daily log on, on average) called The Black Vault (www.theblackvault.com), and those articles are OFTEN covered via the mainstream media, and cited as the source. Here are just some of the recent mainstream article that have covered my work, both highlighting my original articles written, along with profiling the documents I have received via FOIA:

<https://news.google.com/search?q=The%20Black%20Vault&hl=en-US&gl=US&ceid=US%3Aen>

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- All other documents containing, or pertaining to, the aforementioned information

The requested documents will be made available to the general public and are requested by The Black Vault, a leading online resource for declassified government document. As such, the requested information is of significant public interest.

The information is urgently needed to inform the public about the serious allegations made by Mr. Grusch concerning the withholding of UAP-related information from Congress, as reported in recent news stories, including a report by The Debrief at <https://thedebrief.org/intelligence-officials-say-u-s-has-retrieved-non-human-craft/>

I also request that, if appropriate, fees be waived as I believe this request is in the public interest. The requested documents will be made available to the general public free of charge as part of the public information service at The Black Vault, which is operated as a public service. If fees cannot be waived, please inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request.

Additionally, I request expedited processing of this request. The matter is of widespread and exceptional media interest in which there exist possible questions about the government's integrity, affecting public confidence. As such, this request meets the criteria for expedited processing as outlined in 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(E)(v)(II).

If my request is denied in whole or in part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

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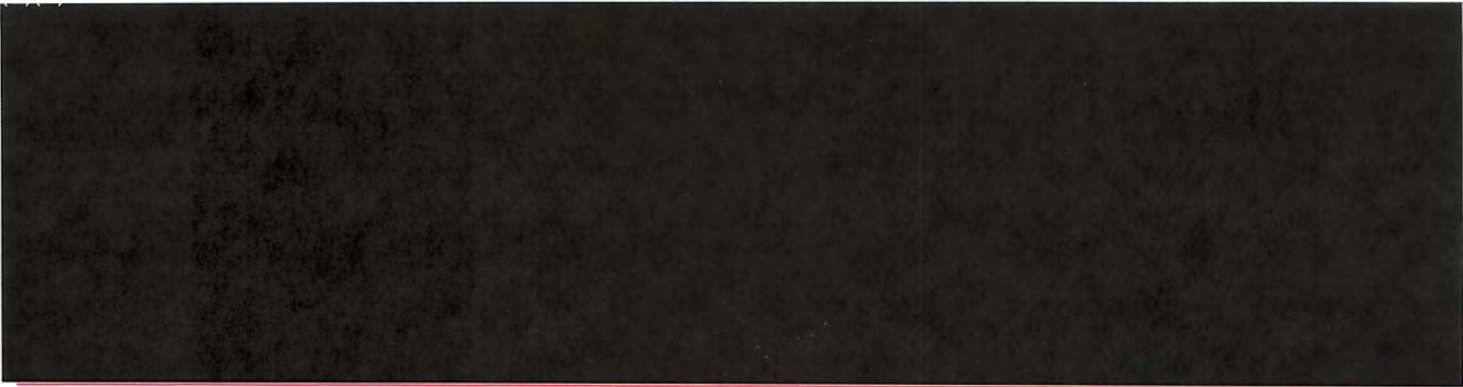
John Greenewald, Jr.

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Sincerely,

John Greenewald, Jr.

(b)(6)



June 16, 2023

John Greenewald

(b)(6)

Mr. Greenewald:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received on 9 June 2023 by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), relating to “...all records and materials submitted or communicated to the Office of the Intelligence Community Inspector General (ICIG) by David Charles Grusch in or around May 2022.”

The request has been assigned ODNI tracking number DF-2023-00219. ODNI will begin processing this case in accordance with when it was received.

The ODNI waives those fees associated with the initial processing of this request.

The request for expedited processing has been denied as the ODNI standards for expedited processing established in 32 CFR 1700.12 have not been met. A written appeal may be submitted to the Chief FOIA Officer, c/o Chief, Information Management Office, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, Washington, DC 20511 or emailed to dni-foia@dni.gov. The request letter and the subject line of the email should be marked “Freedom of Information Act Appeal of Adverse Determination of DF-2023-00219.” The appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of this letter.

For assistance with any aspect of this request, please contact the ODNI FOIA Office at dni-foia@dni.gov or (703) 275-1313. Additional support is available through the FOIA Public Liaison at dni-foia-liaison@dni.gov and through the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration, which also offers mediation services regarding FOIA requests. OGIS can be reached by mail at 8601 Adelphi Road, Room 2510, College Park, MD 20740-6001; telephone at (202) 741-5770 or toll-free at (877) 684-6448; or email at ogis@nara.gov.

Sincerely,



Gregory Koch
Chief, Information Management Office
FOIA Public Liaison

Approved for release by ODNI on 02/28/2024, FOIA Case # DF-2024-00107
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE
WASHINGTON, DC

5 January 2024

John Greenwald

(b)(6)

Reference: ODNI Case No. DF-2023-00219

Dear Requester:


This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received on 9 June 2023 by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) requesting “...all records and materials submitted or communicated to the Office of the Intelligence Community Inspector General (ICIG) by David Charles Grusch in or around May 2022.”

Your request was processed under the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended. The ODNI can neither confirm nor deny the existence or nonexistence of requested records responsive to your request. The fact of the existence or nonexistence of requested records is protected from disclosure pursuant to Section 103H(g)(3)(a) of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, 50 U.S.C. § 3033(g)(3)(a). Therefore, your request is denied pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(3). By this statement, the ODNI neither confirms nor denies that such records may or may not exist.

If you are dissatisfied with my response to your request, you may administratively appeal by submitting a written request to the Chief FOIA Officer, c/o Chief, Information Management Office, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, Washington, DC 20511 or dni-foia@dni.gov. The request letter and envelope or subject line of the email should be marked “Freedom of Information Act Appeal.” Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of this letter.

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Sincerely,



for

Gregory Koch
Chief, Information Management Office
FOIA Public Liaison

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From: (b)(3),(b)(6)
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2023 12:47 PM
To: (b)(3),(b)(6)
Cc: (b)(3)
Subject: DF-2023-00219 (Greenewald) Final Response
Signed By: (b)(3), (b)(6)

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(U) Good afternoon, IMO IRRG.

(U) IC IG FOIA has completed the FOIA search request for case # DF-2023-00219 (Greenewald).

(U) IC IG has determined to "Deny in full" this request for information as a GLOMAR. (b)(3),(b)(5)

(U) Let me know if further information is required. Please close out this tasker in (b)(3). Thank you.

V/R

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



(b)(3), (b)(6)
Information Management Program Manager
Mission Support Division
Office of the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community (IC IG)
(b)(3), (b)(6)

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From: (b)(3), (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2023 1:13 PM
To: (b)(3),(b)(6)
Cc:
Subject: RE: DF-2023-00219 (Greenwald) Final Response
Attachments: FOIA Search Questionnaire (b)(3); FOIA Search Questionnaire Component (b)(3)
Signed By: (b)(3), (b)(6)

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Good afternoon,

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If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know.

Thank you,

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

Team Lead, (b)(3)
COO/IMO/Information Review and Release Group (IRRG)
(b)(3), (b)(6)

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What's Your Take on the Oxford Comma?

"Lovely–comma space–un-intrusive–comma space–and *absolutely necessary*" – John Green

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**Case # DF-2023-00219 (Greenewald, Jr.)
Memorandum for Record (MFR)**

- On 9 June 2023 IRRG received a FOIA request dated 9 June 2023 for records pertaining to:
 - copies of all records and materials submitted or communicated to the ICIG by David Charles Grusch in or around May 2022. This includes, but is not limited to all correspondence, including emails and letters, reports, memos, notes, transcripts of meetings or phone calls, photos/videos, and other documents containing, or pertaining to, the aforementioned information. (b)(3), (b)(6)
- Case opened in (b)(3) and entered on Scorecard on 12 June 2023. (b)(3), (b)(6)
- On 12 June 2023 (b)(3) drafted an acknowledgement letter for signature. (b)(3), (b)(6)
- On 16 June 2023 (b)(3), (b)(6) sent an acknowledgement letter to the requester and denied expedited processing.
 - Expedited processing denied because the request does not meet the threshold established by 32 CFR 1700.12. The records are not needed because of a threat to an individual's physical safety. While the requester is a disseminator of information/journalist associated with The Black Vault, the requester does not adequately justify the urgency for public knowledge of the request (b)(3), (b)(5)

(b)(3), (b)(6) 6/9/23

(b)(3), (b)(5)

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Search Taskers:

- On 13 June 2023 (b)(3) tasked the below offices to search for responsive records.
 - ICIG (b)(3) (b)(3), (b)(6)
 - (b)(3), (b)(5)

Submitted for Senior Review

- On 3 January 2023 submitted case for senior review. (b)(3), (b)(5)
(b)(3), (b)(6)
 - Glomar response pursuant to exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).
 - Concur (b)(3), (b)(6) on 4 January 2024. (b)(3), (b)(5)

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