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Ref: 19-F-0675

John Greenwald  
The Black Vault

Dear Mr. Greenwald:

This is the final response to your January 29, 2019 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, a copy of which is enclosed for your convenience. We received your request on the same day and assigned it case number 19-F-0675. We ask that you use this number when referring to your request.

The Washington Headquarters Services (WHS), Executive Services Directorate (ESD), a component of the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), conducted a search of their records systems and provided the enclosed document, totaling two pages, determined to be responsive to your request. These records are appropriate for release in their entirety, without excision.

We have also determined that some of the responsive information falls under the purview of the Department of the Air Force. As they operate their own FOIA program, we have referred your request and the responsive document to them for direct response to you. Their mailing address is provided as follows:

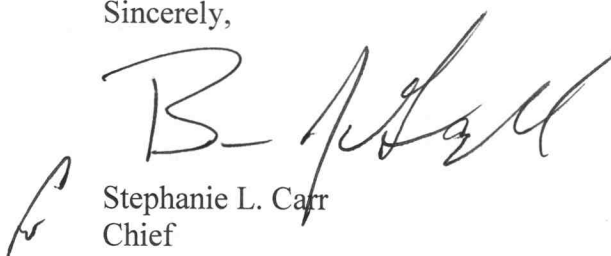
Department of the Air Force  
SAF/AAlI (FOIA)  
1000 Air Force Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20330-1000

This constitutes a full grant of your request, and closes your case file in this office. There are no assessable fees associated with this response.

I trust that this information fully satisfies your request. If you have any questions or concerns about the foregoing or about the processing of your request, please do not hesitate to contact Toni Wilkerson at [antoninette.r.wilkerson.civ@mail.mil](mailto:antoninette.r.wilkerson.civ@mail.mil) or 571-372-0429.

Our FOIA Public Liaison is also available to assist you and may be reached at (571) 372-0462.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephanie L. Carr". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S" and "C".

Stephanie L. Carr  
Chief

Enclosures:  
As stated

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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 often working on documentaries related to my FOIA requests, my work is commonly featured throughout major news organizations, and I freelance writer for news sites as well. Examples can be given, if needed.

I prefer electronic delivery of the requested material either via email to john@greenewald.com, FAX 1-818-659-7688 or via CD-ROM or DVD via postal mail. Please contact me should this FOIA request should incur a charge.

I respectfully request a copy of records, electronic or otherwise, of the following: All Congressional Correspondence regarding control number OSD007062-09, from Senator Harry Reid. This is regarding, according to the Congressional Correspondence Log, "Proposed Military Powerline Corridor on the Eastern Side of the Nellis Test and Training Range."

I ask that you include the original letter from Senator Harry Reid, all responses sent to Senator Reid, along with all internal OSD documents, including emails, that pertain to this correspondence.

Thank you so much for your time, and I am very much looking forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-7012

June 24, 2009

The Honorable Robert M. Gates  
Secretary, Department of Defense  
1400 Defense Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20301-1400

Dear Secretary Gates:

I write today to bring to your attention again a transmission corridor in Nevada proposed by the Department of Defense that could potentially benefit nearby renewable energy projects, as well as the local community, and possibly decrease the Department's costs of adding new transmission capacity. I request that the DOD consider taking this opportunity to utilize the proposed Military Powerline Corridor on the eastern side of the Nellis Test and Training Range for the desired Military purposes as well as to facilitate the development of renewable energy resources.

The DOD has asked the Lincoln County Power District for 10 MW of new service, which would require the current transmission to be upgraded with a 1-circuit 138 kV line. This upgrade would be adequate to serve only Defense purposes. However, further expanding the capacity of the line, at the cost of the non-military users, could benefit the Military, help the local power district with its long term planning, and facilitate the development of hundreds – potentially thousands – of megawatts of clean solar energy.

To serve demand in southern Nevada and California, any renewable energy project will require access to adequate transmission capacity to deliver power to the market. By cooperating with the local stakeholders, DOD's proposed corridor could be utilized for both military and non-military energy transmission capacity, thereby enjoying both cost benefits and environmental benefits from avoiding the almost certain need to build additional structures in the future to serve the same general area.

I strongly urge that the advantages to the local community and other potential consumers of clean energy from nearby projects be carefully considered in making your decision, which I hope will come soon.

I greatly appreciate your attention to this matter. If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me, or have your staff contact Bob Herbert, Chris Miller or Alex McDonough of my staff at (202) 224-3542.

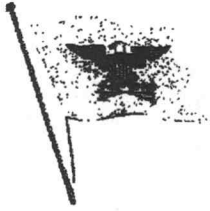
Sincerely,



Harry Reid  
Senate Majority Leader

OSD 07062-09





THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON

July 7, 2009

The Honorable Harry Reid  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Reid:

Thank you for your recent letter providing additional information regarding renewable energy projects in Nevada. I appreciate your taking the time to write and have asked Mr. Michael B. Donley, Secretary of the Air Force, to look into this matter in greater detail. He will get back to you as soon as possible.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,  
*Robert M. Gates*

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