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Sent via email to: john@greenewald.com

Mr. John Greenewald
The Black Vault
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Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is in reference to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)/Privacy Act (PA) request dated February 23, 2022. Your request was received in our office on the same day and assigned case number DON-NAVY-2022-004903.

In the course of processing your FOIA request this office contacted the UAP Task Force to conduct a search for applicable records. Accordingly, those offices searched their local files for records relating to "I respectfully request a review and a copy of the releasable portions of the classified briefing video, created by Jay Stratton, that was circulated to NASA and likely other agencies in October of 2020. Per NASA FOIA Request 22-HQ-F-00140, I discovered that a video DOES EXIST, and should be responsive to this request. For reference, I am attaching that email to this request".

The UAP Task Force has informed this office that the video you are requesting is exempt from release under FOIA exemption **5 U.S.C. § 552 (b) (1)** which protects national security information concerning the national defense or foreign policy from disclosure, provided that it has been properly classified in accordance with the substantive and procedural requirements of Executive Order 13526.

Because your request is denied in full, you have the right to an appeal within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Please provide the appellate authority (see below) the following:

a. A letter requesting an appeal that explains what you are appealing with any supporting arguments or reasons you think may be worthy of consideration;

b. A copy of your initial request;

c. A copy of the letter of denial.

Also, please provide me a copy of your appeal letter at:

DONFOIA-PA@NAVY.MIL

There are two ways to file an appeal: through FOIAonline or by mail.

(1) Through FOIAonline. This will work only if you set up an account on FOIAonline before you make the request that you would like to appeal. To set up an account, go to FOIAonline (this is a website that will appear as the top hit if you search the internet for "FOIAonline"), click "Create Account" (a link located within the blue banner at the top in the upper right corner), enter your data into the field that subsequently appears, and click "Save" (at the bottom left of the screen). With your account thereby created, you will have the power to file an appeal on FOIAonline to any request you file on FOIAonline thereafter. To do so, locate your request (enter a keyword or the request tracking number in the "Search for" field on the "Search" tab), click on it, then the "Create Appeal" tab in the left-hand column. Complete the subsequent field, click "Save," and FOIAonline will submit your appeal.

(2) By mail. Address your appeal to:

The Judge Advocate General (Code 14)
1322 Patterson Avenue SE, Suite 3000
Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066

For this determination, you have the right to seek dispute resolution services from either the DoD Navy Component FOIA Public Liaison, Mr. Chris Julka, at: Christopher.a.julka@navy.mil, via phone: (703) 697-0031; or by contacting the Office of Government Information Services at: (<https://ogis.archives.gov/>), (202) 741-5770, ogis@nara.gov.

Questions regarding the action this office has taken to process your request may be directed to our FOIA Service Center at (202) 685-0412 or via email at donfoia-pa@navy.mil.


Sincerely,



G. Cason
Deputy Director
DON FOIA/PA Program Office

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