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Sent via email to: john@greenewald.com

Mr. John Greenewald
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Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is in reference to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)/Privacy Act (PA) request dated July 11, 2022. Your request was received in our office on the same day and assigned case number DON-NAVY-2022-010360.

In the course of processing your FOIA request, our office contacted the Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Task Force (UAP Task Force) to conduct a search for applicable records. Accordingly, that office searched their local files for records relating to "a copy of records, electronic or otherwise, of all videos with the designation of "unidentified aerial phenomena" or UAP, as archived by the U.S. Navy...". The UAP Task Force has responded back to DNS-36 and have stated that the requested videos contain sensitive information pertaining to Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP) and are classified and are exempt from disclosure in their entirety under **exemption 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b) (1)** in accordance with Executive Order 13526 and the UAP Security Classification Guide. The release of this information will harm national security as it may provide adversaries valuable information regarding Department of Defense/Navy operations, vulnerabilities, and/or capabilities. No portions of the videos can be segregated for release. While three UAP videos were released in the past, the facts specific to those three videos are unique in that those videos were initially released via unofficial channels before official release. Those events were discussed extensively in the public domain; in fact, major news outlets conducted specials on these events. Given the amount of information in the public domain regarding these encounters, it was possible to release the files without further damage to national security.

You have the right to an appeal. It must be received within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Please provide the appellate authority (see below) the following in an envelope marked "FOIA appeal":

- A letter requesting an appeal that explains what you are appealing with any supporting arguments or reasons you think may be worthy of consideration;
- A copy of your initial request;
- A copy of the letter of denial.

Also, please provide a copy of your appeal letter at DONFOIA-PA@NAVY.MIL. There are two ways to file an appeal: through FOIA online or by mail.

1. Through FOIA online. This will work only if you set up an account on FOIA online before you make the request that you would like to appeal. To set up an account, go to FOIA online (this is a website that will appear as the top hit if you search the internet for "FOIA online"), 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 FOIA online to any request you file on FOIA online 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 FOIA online will submit your appeal.
2. By mail. Address your appeal to:

Department of the Navy
Office of 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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