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Dear Mr. Greenewald, Jr,

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated 16 December 2019 which has been assigned tracking number 2020-02087-F.

Information from OSI criminal investigative records are exempt from release under the Privacy Act, Title 5 United States Code (USC) Section 552a (j)(2). In order to provide you the maximum amount of releasable information, we are processing your request under the FOIA. Since portions of the information requested are also exempt from disclosure under the FOIA, we have inserted the exemptions below in the attached document(s).

a. Exemption (b)(6) permits the withholding of all information about individuals in “personnel and medical files and similar files” when the disclosure of such information “would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.”

b. Exemption (b)(7)(C) provides protection for personal information in law enforcement records the disclosure of which “could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.”

The authority for the exemptions used can be found in 5 U.S.C. §552, DoDM 5400.07, *Freedom of Information Act Program*, and DoD 5400.7-R_AFMAN 33-302. You can also access information on the Air Force FOIA program via the Air Force FOIA page at <http://www.foia.af.mil/>.

If you interpret my response as not fully complying with your request, you may appeal this decision with the Secretary of the Air Force by email to afosi_hq_foia_request@us.af.mil; mail to OSI/XILI, ATTN: FOIA Office, 27130 Telegraph Rd, Quantico, VA 22134; or fax to (571) 305-8229 no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Include your reason(s) for reconsideration and attach a copy of this letter.

You may also contact the Air Force FOIA Public Liaison Officer, Ms. Anh Trinh, concerning this final response at AF FOIA Public Liaison Office (SAF/CN), 1800 Air Force Pentagon, Washington, DC 20330-1800, usaf.pentagon.saf-cn.mbx.af-foia@mail.mil or (703) 614-8500.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely

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Attachment:
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FILE NUMBER 3290517356125	AFOSI INVESTIGATIVE COMMUNICATION	DATE OF TRANSMITTAL 20180421
TO: Office of the Secretary of Defense 1000 Defense Pentagon Washington, DC 20301	FROM: AFOSI Detachment 334 1165 Air Force Pentagon, Room 5E1037 Washington, DC 20330	
SUBJECT (S) Air Force Office of Special Investigations Detachment 334, Case#: 3290517356125, December 2017, Det 334, 12/17, Unauthorized Disclosure of Potentially Classified DOD Videos .		
REFERENCES		
ITEM(S) CHECKED ARE APPLICABLE TO ABOVE SUBJECT		
<input type="checkbox"/>	1. INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN INITIATED AND REPORTS WILL BE FORWARDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2. THIS MATTER IS PENDING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CLOSED	
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. REQUEST REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN (AFR 124-4)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4. NOTE RESTRICTIVE LEGENDS ON FRONT OF THE ATTACHMENT(S)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	5. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS AS TO DISPOSITION OF EVIDENCE LISTED BELOW	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6. ATTACHED IS FORWARDED FOR INFORMATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACTION	
<input type="checkbox"/>	7. INVESTIGATION/SUMMARY ATTACHED	
<input type="checkbox"/>	8. REQUEST STATUS OF THIS MATTER AND/OR DATE REPORT MAY BE EXPECTED	
<input type="checkbox"/>	9. REFER ATTACHED TO INTERESTED COMMANDER FOR INFORMATION OR ACTION IF NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10. WHEN ATTACHMENT(S) IS/ARE REMOVED, THE CLASSIFICATION OF THIS CORRESPONDENCE WILL BE RETAINED DOWNGRADED TO CANCELED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARKED FOR DESTRUCTION	
REMARKS CASE AGENT: (U) SA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) AFOSI Detachment (Det) 334 Pentagon, Washington, DC. BACKGROUND: (S) This investigation was initiated on 22 Dec 17 following the 16 Dec 17 release of a video of two F-18 Hornets tracking an unidentified flying object (UFO) to the New York Times news agency. The video in question named "Gimble" was previously classified (S) and it was unknown if the proper declassification authorization was gained prior to the release of the video. Civ (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (SUBJECT), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) however, a short time later he disclosed his involvement (to several news outlets) with the Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program, which focused research issues on Unidentified Flying Objects. (S) Prior to SUBJECT's departure from the DoD in October 2017, he submitted a request to have three classified videos downgraded via a DD Form 1910, "CLEARANCE REQUEST FOR PUBLIC RELEASE OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE INFORMATION," to Civ (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Defense Office of Republication and Security Review, Pentagon, Washington, D.C. The videos were "GoFast," "Gimble," and "FLIR," all three videos were classified (S). The downgrade request was submitted on 9 Aug 17, but there was no indication the request was ever granted. (Agent Note: The DD Form 1910 was the form provided, but was not a form used for the declassification process. The DD 1910 is used for the public release of DoD information.) The request for release there was no indication the videos would be release to any news media outlet. The reason for publication was listed as, "Not Applicable. Not for publication. Research and analysis ONLY and info sharing with other USG and industry partners for the purposes of developing a database to help identify, analyze, and ultimately defeat UAS threats." (b)(6); stated he would not have approved the videos for release to the media. Additionally, (b)(6); never received confirmation the videos were declassified.		
NAME, GRADE, TITLE, AND SIGNATURE (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) SA, USAF Commander, AFOSI Det 334	ATTACHMENT(S)	COPIES TO: 1 - File 1 - USD(I)

REMARKS (Continued)

(S//FOUO) On 9 Mar 18, AFOSI Detachment 334 (DET), Pentagon, Washington, DC, received confirmation from Civ (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Unauthorized Disclosure Office, 1550 Crystal City Drive, Arlington, VA the videos released by SUBJECT to the media were determined to be ~~FOUO~~. (b)(6); submitted the videos to Civ (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Division Head, Naval Air Warfare Center - Aircraft Division, Naval Air Station Patuxent River, MD, who in turn submitted the videos to Civ (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Deputy Security Manager, FA-18 Program Office, Naval Air Station Patuxent River, MD, who sent the lead to the Radar and EO_IR IPT office. The result was "No sensitive symbology or other items of concern."

(S//FOUO) On 12 Mar 18, DET 334 conducted an interview of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) explained the videos did not go through the proper channels to obtain their declassification, although the videos are ~~FOUO~~. (b)(6); stated the videos would not undergo the formal declassification process just because they were inadvertently released to the public. (b)(6); relayed there was no indication the videos were classified in the first place. (b)(6); stated 100% of all F-18 videos go through his office for declassification and public release. (b)(6); stated the videos which SUBJECT released never went through his office. (b)(6); explained there were no identifying features on the videos to determine when or where the videos came from in order to find out who would have originally classified them. This made it difficult to find the exact video. (b)(6); explained individual units kept track of their footage, but did not keep every video. Some videos were kept for training purposes and some for situations such as SUBJECT's public release of unauthorized videos (b)(7)(E)

(S//FOUO) On 13 Apr 18, (b)(6); contacted SA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and confirmed that after conducting an official classification review, the three videos obtained by SUBJECT were confirmed to be UNCLASSIFIED. (b)(6); stated the Unauthorized Disclosure Program Management Office considered the matter closed.

CONCLUSION:

AFOSI Det 334 considers this matter closed and will forward the appropriate documentation to the Under Secretary of Defense Intelligence, Pentagon, Washington DC for action.

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