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Dear Mr. Ehling:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request (Attachment 1) submitted to U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) and assigned USSOCOM FOIA 204-217.

USSOCOM located two documents responsive to your request, which are being provided in redacted format (Attachments 2 and 3). Portions of the information are being withheld under 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(1) as the information is currently and properly classified in the interest of national defense pursuant to Executive Order 13526; specifically, Section 1.4(a) for military plans, weapons systems, or operations; Section 1.4(c) for intelligence activities (including covert action), intelligence sources or methods; and Section 1.7(e) for compilation of items of information that are individually unclassified but may be classified if the compiled information reveals an additional association or relationship.

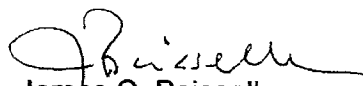
Additional portions are being withheld under (b)(2) for internal personnel rules and practices; (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b) for personally identifying information regarding personnel assigned to an overseas, sensitive or routinely deployable unit; (b)(6) for personal information that, if disclosed, would result in a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy; (b)(7)(C) which protects law enforcement information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy; (b)(7)(E) to protect information that would disclose investigative techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law; and (b)(7)(F) for law enforcement records that could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of an individual.

If you are not satisfied with this decision, you may appeal to the appellate authority, the Director of Oversight and Compliance, Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD). To submit your appeal, you should write directly to: ODCMO Director of Oversight and Compliance, 4800 Mark Center Drive, ATTN: DPCLTD, FOIA Appeals, Mailbox #24,

Alexandria, VA 22350-1700. Appeals can also be made via the OSD FOIA portal at <http://pal.whs.mil/palMain.aspx>, or by email at OSD.FOIA-APPEAL@mail.mil. Your appeal should cite case number 2014-217, and be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

You may also contact the USSOCOM FOIA Office at foia@socom.mil or our FOIA Public Liaison, James Hogan, at osd.foialiaison@ for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. 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: email at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; or mail at 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001.

Sincerely,



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Attachments