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Sent via email to: john@greenewald.com

Mr. John Greenewald
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Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is a final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated January 29, 2021, was received in this office the same day, and was assigned case number DON-2021-003140.

We interpret your request to be for a copy of records, electronic or otherwise, of all records pertaining to the creation of this UAP task force, to include all mission statements, e-mails, memos, letters, etc., that pertain to the creation of this task force.

In order to locate potentially responsive records pertaining to your FOIA request, this office coordinated with the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (DCNO) for Information Warfare (OPNAV N2N6) for Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Task Force (UAPTF) to conduct a search for applicable records.

The search for applicable records revealed 1 document responsive to your request. Other documents were referred to the Office of the Undersecretary for Defense for Intelligence and Security (OUSD(I&S)) for direct response to you. After a review of the responsive document, it has been determined that portions are exempt from disclosure under 5 U.S.C. § 552.

- 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(1), information properly and currently classified in the interest of national defense or foreign policy, as specifically authorized under the criteria established by Executive order 13526, Section 1.4 (a), c, and g.
- 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6), information in personnel and medical files, as well as similar personal information in other files, that, if disclosed to a requester other than the person about whom the information pertains, would result in a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. There is no discretion regarding its release.

Under 32 CFR §701.12(a), you have the right to an appeal. Appeals can be filed via email or through the U.S. mail. In both cases, send the appellate authority the following items:

1. An email/letter requesting an appeal with reasons why it should be granted.
2. A copy of your initial request.
3. A copy of this letter.

An appeal may be submitted through our online portal at www.securerelease.us and must be received within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter.

An appeal sent by email must be received within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. In the subject line of the email, type "FOIA Appeal" and your case number DON-2021-003140. Send the appeal to don-foia-pa@us.navy.mil.

An appeal sent by mail must be postmarked within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Make sure to mark the envelope "FOIA Appeal." For issues related to the military, mail your appeal to The Judge Advocate General (Code 14). For all non-military related matters, mail your appeal to the Office of General Counsel (OGC). The appropriate addresses have been provided below.

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

General Counsel of the Navy
1000 Navy Pentagon, Room 5A532
Washington, DC 20350-1000

You have the right to seek dispute resolution services with this determination. You may contact the Navy FOIA Public Liaison Mr. Chris Julka via email Christopher.a.julka.civ@us.navy.mil or by phone (703)697-0031. You may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) through their website ogis.archives.gov, via email ogis@nara.gov, or by phone (202)741-5770.

We understand the importance of timely responses to FOIA requests and apologize for any inconvenience this delay may cause. Thank you, again, for your patience.

Please direct questions to the FOIA Service Center by phone (202) 685-0412 or send via email usn.ncr.dns.mbx.don-foia-pa@us.navy.mil.

Sincerely,

Carl A. Laurie

for

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Director
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Subj: (U) CHARTER FOR UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENON TASK FORCE

(U) This charter establishes the Congressionally mandated, Deputy Secretary of Defense directed Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon Task Force. It provides the background giving rise to the Task Force, defines the Task Force's objectives, focus areas, and roles and responsibilities, and also sets forth the minimum coordination and reporting required of the Task Force.

1. (U) Purpose. The purpose of the Task Force is to create a single entity tasked with working across the Department of Defense, and with the Intelligence Community (IC) and the Interagency, to develop and execute plans to collect, exploit, and analyze operational and scientific and technical data on unexplained Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon (UAP) currently posing a threat to U.S. National Security. UAP are defined as any aerial phenomenon that cannot immediately be identified.

~~2. (S//REL USA, FVEY)~~ Mission. The mission of the Task Force is to detect, analyze, catalog, consolidate and exploit advanced non-traditional aerospace vehicles currently posing an operational threat to U.S. National Security and avoid strategic surprise.

~~3. (S//REL USA, FVEY)~~ Background. (b) (1)

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~~4. (S//REL USA, FVEY) Objective. (b) (1)~~

5. (U) Focus Areas. In addition to meeting the requirements listed in the Deputy Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of the Navy memorandums that directed the establishment of the Task Force (which are set forth below under paragraph 6) the Task Force will focus its efforts in the follow areas:

~~a. (S//REL USA, FVEY) (b) (1)~~

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~~c. (S//REL USA, FVEY) (b) (1)~~

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6. (U) Roles and Responsibilities

~~a. (U//FOUO)~~ Leadership of the Task Force will be designated by the Director of the Naval Intelligence Activity.

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~~b. (S//NF)~~(b) (1)

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c. (U) The Director, UAP Task Force will:

(1) (U) Provide oversight and direction to the UAP Task Force.

~~(2) (S//REL USA, FVEY)~~(b) (1)

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~~(7) (S//NF) (b) (1)~~

~~(8) (U//FOUO)~~ Provide periodic updates, via the chain of command, to Under Secretary of the Navy to support required monthly updates to the Deputy Secretary of Defense.

~~(9) (U//FOUO)~~ Provide periodic updates, via the chain of command, to the UAP Executive Steering Committee (EXCOM), and to the committee's designated representatives, to support the EXCOMs oversight mission.

(10) (U) Collaborate with stakeholders to identify current and future issues that pertain to UAP Task Force equities.

(11) (U) Hold meetings, as necessary, to ensure proper tasking and coordination across the UAP Task Force, and to facilitate communications and information sharing with UAP Task Force members and stakeholders.

(12) (U) Establish subgroups within the UAP Task Force to address specialized UAP Task Force issues, as appropriate.

d. (U) UAP Task Force Members will:

(1) (U) Actively participate in UAP Task Force meetings, as well as identify alternate personnel who can attend in the absence of the primary representative.

(2) (U) Communicate policies, guidance, and meeting content back to their Service/Agency leadership.

(3) (U) Provide advice and guidance regarding policies, plans, programs, and requirements for the UAP Task Force.

(4) (U) Share best practices, lessons learned, and other relevant experiences with fellow UAP Task Force members in order to collectively improve UAP Task Force capabilities supporting the overall mission.

(5) (U) Provide subject matter experts, as necessary, in support of the UAP Task Force mission.

(6) (U) Respond to data and information requests in support of the UAP Task Force mission.

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~~7. (U//FOUO) Reports.~~ The UAP Task Force will provide the Director, Naval Intelligence Activity, with informal bi-weekly progress reports, and will provide a formal written report monthly, via the chain of command, to the Under Secretary of the Navy in support of the Under Secretary of the Navy's reporting requirement to the Deputy Secretary of Defense.

8. (U) Effective Date, Amendment and Termination. This Charter is effective immediately upon signature and shall remain in effect until amended or otherwise revoked. This Charter shall be reviewed annually, or as needed, to ensure currency and relevance.



SCOTT W. BRAY
Director, Naval Intelligence Activity



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MEMORANDUM

From: Director, Naval Intelligence Activity
To: Ms. Diane Randon, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, G-2

~~Subj: (S//REL TO USA, FVEY) UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENON TASK FORCE (UAP TF)~~

Ref: (a) Deputy Secretary of Defense Memorandum for Secretaries of the Military Departments of 4 Aug 20
(b) Secretary of the Navy Memorandum Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon Task Force of 26 Aug 20

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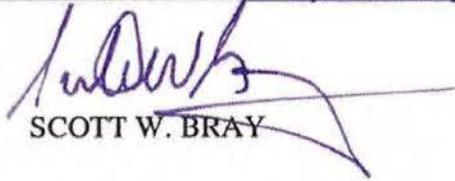
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6. (U) Please forward your nominations for membership to the UAP TF to (b) (6),
who can be contacted at (b) (6)


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MEMORANDUM

From: Director, Naval Intelligence Activity
To: Mr. Kenneth Bray, Associate Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Surveillance,
Reconnaissance and Cyber Effects Operations (A2/6)

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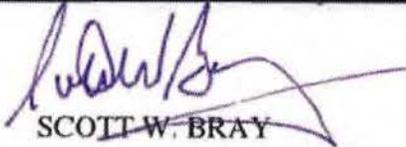
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