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NGA-2016-FOI-00007

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Mr. John H. Clarke
4350 East West Highway, Suite 555
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RE: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) referral to the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA #2016-FOI-00007) from the Department of State (DOS) (F-2014-03625)

Dear Mr. Clarke:

This letter is in response to the referral received from the Department of State, (DOS) on January 20, 2016 in which we were asked to review three (3) documents and respond directly to you.

After a careful review of the documents, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) subject matter experts have determined that the documents are currently and properly classified and must be withheld in their entirety pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(1) in accordance with Executive Order 13526, Section 1.4(c). Executive Order 13526, Section 1.4(c) authorizes classification of information that is relevant to intelligence activities (including covert action), intelligence sources or methods or cryptology.

Additionally, we are withholding portions of the documents pursuant to FOIA Exemption (b)(3), which incorporates nondisclosure provisions contained in other Federal statutes. In this case, the Federal statute is 10 U.S.C. § 424, which exempts the disclosure of organizational and personnel information for DIA and NGA.

Appeals to this determination should be made in writing within 60 days from the date of this letter and sent to: the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Program Office, Mail Stop N81-SISCS, 7500 GEOINT Drive, Springfield, VA 22150. The requester should reference FOIA referral number 2016-FOI-00007 in the appeal, detailing their reasons for reconsideration and include a copy of this letter.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this request, please contact Steven D. Canady, NGA FOIA/PA Program, at (571) 557-4141 or via e-mail, at FOIANGA@nga.mil.

Sincerely,

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