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NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY
CENTRAL SECURITY SERVICE
FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MARYLAND 20755-6000

FOIA Case: 79347
31 October 2014

JOHN GREENEWALD
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of 5 October 2014, which was received by this office on 6 October 2014, for "On September 11, 2001, some news media outlets reported that 4 men were arrested with explosives on the George Washington Bridge, which connects the Washington Heights neighborhood in the borough of Manhattan in New York City to Fort Lee in New Jersey. I respectfully request a copy of all records, electronic or otherwise, pertaining to this case." Your letter has been assigned Case Number 79347. There is certain information relating to this processing about which the FOIA and applicable Department of Defense (DoD) and NSA/CSS regulations require we inform you.

For purposes of this request and based on the information you provided in your letter, you are considered an "all other" requester. You must pay for search time in excess of 2 hours and duplication in excess of 100 pages.

We have interpreted your request to be for intelligence information regarding the incident described in your request. We have determined that the fact of the existence or non-existence of the materials you request is a currently and properly classified matter in accordance with Executive Order 13526, as set forth in Subparagraph (c) of Section 1.4. Thus, your request is denied pursuant to the first exemption of the FOIA which provides that the FOIA does not apply to matters that are specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive Order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign relations and are, in fact properly classified pursuant to such Executive Order.

In addition, this Agency is authorized by various statutes to protect certain information concerning its activities. The third exemption of the FOIA provides for the withholding of information specifically protected from

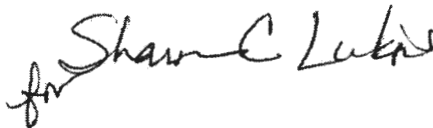
disclosure by statute. Thus, your request is also denied because the fact of the existence or non-existence of the information is exempted from disclosure pursuant to the third exemption. The specific statutes applicable in this case are Title 18 U.S. Code 798; Title 50 U.S. Code 3024(i); and Section 6, Public Law 86-36 (50 U.S. Code 3605).

The Initial Denial Authority for NSA information is the Associate Director for Policy and Records, David J. Sherman. As your request is being denied, you are hereby advised of this Agency's appeal procedures. Any person denied access to information may file an appeal to the NSA/CSS Freedom of Information Act Appeal Authority. The appeal must be postmarked no later than 60 calendar days of the date of the initial denial letter. The appeal shall be in writing addressed to the NSA/CSS FOIA Appeal Authority (DJ4), National Security Agency, 9800 Savage Road STE 6248, Fort George G. Meade, MD 20755-6248. The appeal shall reference the adverse determination and shall contain, in sufficient detail and particularity, the grounds upon which the requester believes that the determination is unwarranted. The NSA/CSS FOIA Appeal Authority will endeavor to respond to the appeal within 20 working days after receipt, absent any unusual circumstances.

If we have misinterpreted your request and you are requesting records associated with the alleged arrest, we suggest that you contact the local law enforcement agency. If you are seeking federal criminal records, we suggest you contact the Federal Bureau of Investigation, at the following address:

Federal Bureau of Investigation
ATTN: Record and Information/Dissemination Section (RIDS)
Service Request Unit
170 Marcel Drive
Winchester, VA 22602

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "for Shaw C Lukin". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the typed name of Paul J. Blaskowski.

PAUL J. BLASKOWSKI
Chief
FOIA/PA Office