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

FOIA Case: 81305  
22 May 2015

JOHN L YOUNG  
251 WEST 89TH STREET  
NEW YORK, NY 10024

Dear Mr. Young:

This is an initial response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated 19 May 2015, which was clarified by this office on 21 May 2015. As you recall, we negotiated the scope of your request to covering the following:

1. Correspondence to/from "journalists who reportedly first communicated with Edward Snowden and published stories about documents provided to them by Mr. Snowden which were allegedly taken by him from the NSA and who, according to Mr. Snowden, 'agreed, prior to publication, to run these stories by the government.' Glenn Greenwald, The Guardian, The Intercept and author of book 'No Place to Hide.' Laura Poitras, The Washington Post, The Guardian, The Intercept, Der Spiegel and documentary maker of 'Citizen Four.' Ewen MacAskill, The Guardian. Barton Gellman, the Washington Post." Time frame late May 2013 to May 19, 2015.

This letter acknowledges that we have received your request and provides some administrative information. Your request has been assigned Case Number 81305. Due to a significant increase in the number of requests being received by this Agency, we are experiencing delays in processing. We will begin to process your request and will respond to you again as soon as we are able.

Correspondence related to your request should include the case number assigned to your request, which is included in the above paragraph of this letter. Your letter should be addressed to National Security Agency, FOIA Office (DJ4), 9800 Savage Road STE 6248, Ft. George G. Meade, MD 20755-6248 or may be sent by facsimile to 443-479-3612. If sent by fax, it should be marked for the attention of the FOIA office. The telephone number of the FOIA office is 301-688-6527.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Blalock".

FOIA Customer Representative