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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20340-5100



U-15-4500/FAC2A1 (FOIA)

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Mr. John Young  
251 West 89th St  
New York, NY 10024

Dear Mr. Young:

This is a status update on your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, case number FOIA-0418-2014, received in this office on July 30, 2014. Your request was determined to fall within our Complex Track for FOIA processing. This simply means that your request involved a large amount of records, or that the records requested require significant review within this agency or consultations with other government agencies. Please be assured that our office is committed to processing your request as soon as possible as DIA continues its efforts to eliminate the large backlog of pending FOIA requests.

Because your request falls within the Complex Track and has been pending for a period of time greater than the statutory allowance, this office has determined that it may be helpful for us to provide greater explanation concerning the status of your request. This office sorts backlogged requests into three functional queues for management purposes. These three queues are explained further below:

Awaiting Tasking Queue: includes requests that must be tasked within the agency for subject matter experts (SME) search and/or review of the responsive records.

Awaiting Response Queue: includes requests that have been tasked and are awaiting response or requests which have been referred to other government agencies for review of their equities.

Ready for Work Queue: includes requests, which all responses have been received and awaiting processing of final response to the requester.

Your request is currently in the Awaiting Tasking Queue; #111 of 222. Our current administrative workload is 816 open FOIA requests.

We solicit your patience and understanding and assure you, we will process your request as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact the FOIA Requester Service Center, at (301) 394-5587 and reference your case number.

Sincerely,

Alesia Y. Williams  
Chief, FOIA and Declassification Services Office

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JUL 30 2014

Dear Mr. Young:

This is an interim response to your July 21, 2014, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for *all information concerning documents reportedly taken from the National Security Agency by Edward Snowden including information on parties reportedly involved and specific inquiries:*

1. *Institutions and persons who have been publicly identified as having access to the documents.*
2. *Accounting of the Edward Snowden documents.*
3. *Public release of the Edward Snowden documents.*

We received your request on July 29, 2014 and assigned it case number 0418-2014. Please use this number in all future correspondence with us about this matter.

We will be unable to respond to your request within the FOIA's 20 day statutory time period due to unusual circumstances. These unusual circumstances could be: (a) the need to search for and collect records from a facility geographically separated from this office; (b) the potential volume of records responsive to your request; and (c) the need for consultation with one or more other agencies which have substantial interest in either the determination or the subject matter of the records. For these reasons, your request has been placed in our queue and will be worked in the order the request was received. Our current administrative workload is in excess of 1,139 requests.

We regret that there is currently a substantial delay in processing requests and solicit your patience and understanding. We assure you that we will process your request as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact the DIA FOIA Requester Service Center at 301-394-5587.

Sincerely,

Alesia Y. Williams  
Chief, Freedom of Information Act Staff