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WASHINGTON, DC 20511

Mr. John Young  
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Reference: ODNI Case DF-2015-00017

Dear Mr. Young:

This is in response to your email dated 8 October 2014 (Enclosure), received in the Information Management Division of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) on 9 October 2014. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), you requested "...records of the US Intelligence Community...reportedly released by Edward Snowden to Glenn Greenwald, Laura Poitras, Ewan McAllister and Barton Gellman...concerning what documents to publish or not to publish...."

The information maintained by ODNI relating to Mr. Edward Snowden meets the threshold requirements for withholding under exemption 7 of the FOIA, which protects from disclosure records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes. This includes information that, if released, could interfere with enforcement proceedings (b)(7)(A), could cause an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy (b)(7)(C), could reveal the identities of confidential sources (b)(7)(D), or would reveal law enforcement techniques and procedures (b)(7)(E).

In addition, because some of the documents themselves contain classified information, those documents are being withheld pursuant to Exemption (b)(1).


Finally, some of the documents are also being withheld under FOIA exemption (b)(3) because they are protected by statute. More particularly, the information is protected by 50 U.S.C. §3024(i), which directs the Director of National Intelligence to protect intelligence sources and methods, and 18 U.S.C. 798, which protects disclosure of classified COMINT and/or information, since these statutes would pertain to the leaked information held or discussed in the file.

If you wish to appeal our determination on this request, please explain the basis of your appeal and forward to the address below within 45 days of the date of this letter.

Office of the Director of National Intelligence  
Information Management Office  
Washington D.C. 20511

If you have any questions, email our Requester Service Center at [DNI-FOIA@dni.gov](mailto:DNI-FOIA@dni.gov) or call us at (703) 874-8500.

Sincerely,

  
Jennifer Hudson  
Director, Information Management Division

Enclosure

**DNI-FOIA**

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**From:** John Young <jya@pipeline.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 08, 2014 4:33 PM  
**To:** DNI-FOIA  
**Subject:** FOIA Request

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I request records of the US Intelligence Community on exchanges, inquiries, directives, correspondence, telephone calls, emails, mail, meetings, shipment with the recipients of documents reportedly released by Edward Snowden to Glenn Greenwald, Laura Poitras, Ewan McAllister and Barton Gellman; their representatives, publishers, financiers, agents and attorneys; and any other party involved in consultation and/or communication with the US Intelligence Community concerning what documents to publish or not publish, what to redact in published documents, and any other joint and unilateral determination, prescription and schedule for releasing documents to the public; or for their withholding, return, destruction, for monetary remuneration, ransom, and/or barter for pardon and/or amnesty for Edward Snowden.

This material will be published on the free public education website Cryptome.org. I agree to pay for associated cost.

Thank you.

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