

Request Description

To whom it may concern,

This is a non-commercial request made under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 5 U.S.C. S 552. My FOIA requester status as a "representative of the news media." I am a freelance journalist, and have written countless articles over the past 25+ years regarding the documents I receive. My original work is seen on my own high traffic website (25,000+ people daily log on, on average) called The Black Vault (www.theblackvault.com), and those articles are often covered by the mainstream media, with The Black Vault cited as the source. Here are just some of the recent mainstream article that have covered my work, both highlighting my original articles written, along with profiling the documents I have received via FOIA:

<https://news.google.com/search?q=The%20Black%20Vault&hl=en-US&gl=US&ceid=US%3Aen>

I prefer electronic delivery of the requested material either via email to john@greenewald.com, FAX 1-818-659-7688 or via CD-ROM or DVD via postal mail. Please contact me should this FOIA request should incur a charge.

I respectfully request a copy of records (which includes videos/photos), electronic or otherwise, of all contributions to the DoD's ALL-DOMAIN ANOMALY RESOLUTION OFFICE (AARO) Fiscal Year 2024 Consolidated Annual Report on Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena published in November of 2024.

I ask that you include all information sent by your agency, both unclassified and classified, that contributed to this report. I also ask that you include all unclassified and classified communications between your agency, and AARO/the DoD, about this report. This would include, but not be limited to, emails, reports, photos, videos, memos, inter-agency communications, investigation files, and all other records not yet mentioned. Should any responsive record, like an email, be found with an attachment - I ask that attachment is included and considered to be responsive to this request.

I agree to limit the scope of search to records dated May 1, 2023, through to the date of processing this request.

Fee Waiver Request:

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii), I respectfully request a waiver of all fees associated with processing this FOIA request. The requested records are not sought for commercial purposes but rather to contribute to the public understanding of governmental operations and activities. As a recognized representative of the news media, I have a long-established history of disseminating information to the public through The Black Vault, which averages 25,000 unique visitors daily. My articles and the records I obtain through FOIA are frequently cited by mainstream media outlets, thereby demonstrating a significant contribution to the public discourse.

The requested materials pertain to contributions to the Department of Defense All-Domain Anomaly Resolution Office (AARO) Fiscal Year 2024 Consolidated Annual Report on Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena. This report addresses matters of public interest, particularly concerning national security and governmental transparency. Dissemination of this information will inform the public about government actions and policies related to unidentified anomalous phenomena, an area of increasing interest and scrutiny.

Releasing the requested records will enhance public understanding of these issues, fulfilling the statutory criteria for a fee waiver. Moreover, providing access to these records aligns with the FOIA's purpose of ensuring government transparency and accountability.

Expedited Processing Request:

I respectfully request expedited processing under 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(E)(i) and 32 C.F.R. § 286.8(e)(1). There is a compelling need for expedited processing because the requested information pertains to a matter of widespread and exceptional media and public interest, and the lack of prompt access to this information could result in the public being uninformed about significant governmental activities.

As demonstrated by the extensive media coverage of my work, the public has a strong and immediate interest in issues surrounding AARO and unidentified anomalous phenomena. This topic has garnered attention not only in the U.S. but internationally, reflecting a broader public concern about governmental transparency and accountability.

Moreover, the AARO report itself and its contributions have implications for national security and the proper functioning of governmental oversight. The timely release of these records is essential to ensure public awareness and engagement on these issues while they remain current in public discourse.

In addition, as a member of the news media, the urgency of obtaining this information directly impacts my ability to disseminate it effectively to the public in a timely manner. Delayed access would undermine the FOIA's intent to promote government transparency and accountability.

Thank you so much for your time, and I am very much looking forward to your response.

Sincerely,

John Greenewald, Jr

