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Reply to attn. of: Office of Communications

John Greenewald Black Vault 27305 W. Live Oak Road Castaic, CA 91384

Re: FOIA Tracking Number 22-HQ-F-00490

Dear John Greenewald:

This is our final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), dated April 23, 2022, and received in this office on April 25, 2022. Your request was assigned the above-referenced tracking number. You seek:

ALL emails sent to/from, bcc'd or cc'd, NASA Science Associate Administrator Thomas Zurbuchen which contain the following keywords:

"INTERSTELLAR ORIGIN"

PLEASE INCLUDE ALL ATTACHMENTS TO EMAILS FOUND.

You may omit any newspaper articles that are publicly available, which do not contain commentary. Should the email have additional commentary including the article, I ask that you please include those as responsive to this request.

You can limit the scope of my request to records dated October of 2016 through to the date of processing this request.

In an email, dated May 13, 2022, you agreed to narrow your request to omit the public articles and reports from your response, which totals 28 pages. A copy of that email is enclosed for reference, and the title, author, and at least one external hyperlink to each article or report is included below:

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Best Mobile Apps For Identifying Orbiting Satellites, Iridium Flares https://www.space.com/41678-spotting-identifying-satellites-best-mobile-apps.html

In response to your request, we conducted a search of NASA's Office of Information Technology using the search terms "INTERSTELLAR ORIGIN".<sup>1</sup> That search identified records responsive to your request. We reviewed the responsive records under the FOIA to determine whether they may be disclosed to you. Based on that review, this office is providing the following:

<u>14</u> page(s) are released in full (RIF);<sup>2</sup>

<u>14</u> page(s) are released in part (RIP);

8 page(s) not provided were referred to another entity.

NASA redacted from the enclosed documents certain information pursuant to the following FOIA exemptions:

## Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5)

Exemption 5 protects "inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> If you are dissatisfied with these search terms, please provide NASA with additional terms you deem appropriate.

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5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5). Courts interpret Exemption 5 to incorporate three primary privileges: the attorney work-product privilege, the attorney-client privilege and the deliberative process privilege. NASA invokes the deliberative process privilege.

The deliberative process privilege is intended to protect the decision-making process of government agencies and to encourage frank discussion of legal and policy issues. The scope of the privilege covers documents reflecting advisory opinions, recommendations, and deliberations comprising part of a process by which government decisions and policies are formulated. To qualify for the deliberative process privilege, a document must be both "predecisional" and "deliberative." Documents are pre-decisional when they precede an agency decision and are prepared in order to assist an agency in arriving at its decision. Documents are deliberative when they comprise part of the process by which government decisions are made. The types of records/information NASA withheld under this exemption consists of draft documents, portions of emails and memos containing analyses, recommendations and/or opinions expressed by an employee. NASA considered the foreseeable harm that would result from the release of this information and determined that its release would hinder the decision-making process, create a chilling effect on internal deliberations, lead to uninformed decision-making, and public confusion.

#### Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6)

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#### Referral

Additionally, we referred 11 pages to U.S. Space Force. U.S. Space Force will process those pages under the FOIA and respond to you directly. Should you wish to contact that entity, their information is available at the following website: <u>https://www.compliance.af.mil/</u>.

#### Fees

Provisions of the FOIA allow us to recover part of the cost of complying with your request. In this instance, because the cost is below the \$50 minimum, there is no charge.

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You have the right to appeal my action regarding your request. Your appeal must be received within 90 days of the date of this response. Please send your appeal to:

Administrator NASA Headquarters Executive Secretariat ATTN: FOIA Appeals MS 9R17 300 E Street S.W. Washington, DC 20546

Both the envelope and letter of appeal should be clearly marked, "Appeal under the Freedom of Information Act." You must also include a copy of your initial request, the adverse determination, and any other correspondence with the FOIA office. In order to expedite the appellate process and ensure full consideration of your appeal, your appeal should contain a brief statement of the reasons you believe this initial determination should be reversed. Additional information on submitting an appeal is set forth in the NASA FOIA regulations at 14 C.F.R. § 1206.700.

#### **Assistance and Dispute Resolution Services**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at derek.m.moore@nasa.gov or (202) 358-2681. For further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request you may also contact:

Stephanie Fox Chief FOIA Public Liaison Freedom of Information Act Office NASA Headquarters 300 E Street, S.W., 5P32 Washington D.C. 20546 Phone: 202-358-1553 Email: Stephanie.K.Fox@nasa.gov

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*Important*: Please note that contacting any agency official including myself, NASA's Chief FOIA Public Liaison, and/or OGIS is not an alternative to filing an administrative appeal and does not stop the 90 day appeal clock.

Sincerely,

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Derek Moore Government Information Specialist

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Sent:	March 4, 2022 2:26:51 PM EST
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Hi Thomas,

The attached response has been written by Lindley and approved by Lori, Kelly and Ursula. All agreed with the recommendation that (b) (5) Gen. Shaw would suffice as (b) (5) General Shaw is (b) (5) General Shaw is (b) (5) General Shaw is receive the more formal memo, we can write a more formal response. Please see the language below and attached for the response:

For the TO & CC: Copy the email addresses below, or cut and paste the response in the reply email.

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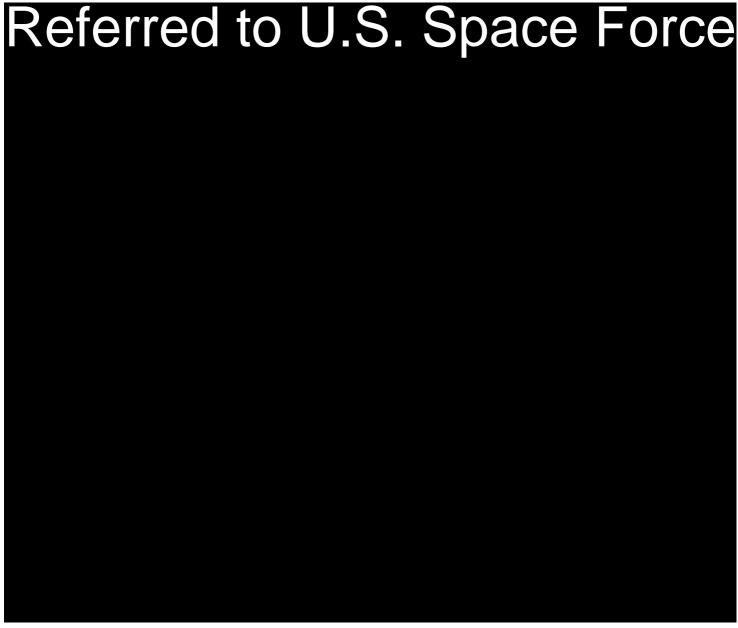
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Thomas

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Thanks

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Hi Kelly - can you pls respond to Avi or forward to someone who will?			
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Dear Thomas,

Does your office have any information about the meteor CNEOS 2014-01-08 being publicly confirmed? Back in 2019 we interpreted it with my student, Amir Siraj, as having an interstellar origin,

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and we were told that your office might have received confirmation from Space Command about it. Obviously any such confirmation would be of importance to the astrophysical community broadly.

With warm regards,

Avi

Abraham (Avi) Loeb Frank B. Baird Jr. Professor of Science Harvard University

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. I look forward to our future work together		
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P.S: . I will be at Space Symposium, in case we overlapped and you wanted to connect in person.		
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