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Case: 109168A
25 March 2026

JOHN GREENEWALD
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Dear John Greenewald:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated 10 February 2020, for "a copy of records, electronic or otherwise, that pertain or mention or contain or cross references to QAnon." A copy of your request is enclosed. Your request has been processed under the FOIA and some of the documents you requested are enclosed. Certain information, has been protected in the enclosures and 1 document (3 pages) has been withheld in its entirety.

The document withheld in its entirety has been found to be currently and properly classified in accordance with Executive Order 13526. The information meets the criteria for classification as set forth in Subparagraph (c) and (g) of Section 1.4 and remains classified SECRET as provided in Section 1.2 of Executive Order 13526. The information is classified because its disclosure could reasonably be expected to cause serious damage to the national security. Because the information is currently and properly classified, it is exempt from disclosure pursuant to the first exemption of the FOIA (5 U.S.C. Section 552(b)(1)).

In addition, this Agency is authorized by various statutes to protect certain information concerning its activities. We have determined that such information exists in these documents. Accordingly, those portions are exempt from disclosure pursuant to the third exemption of the FOIA, which provides for the withholding of information specifically protected from disclosure by statute. The specific statutes applicable to the document withheld in full are Title 18 U.S. Code 798; Title 50 U.S. Code 3024(h); and Section 6, Public Law 86-36 (50 U.S. Code 3605). The statute applicable to information withheld in the enclosures is Section 6, Public Law 86-36 (50 U.S. Code 3605).

In addition, some personal information has been withheld from the enclosures in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552 (b)(6). This exemption protects

from disclosure information that would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. In balancing the public interest for the information you request against the privacy interests involved, we have determined that the privacy interests sufficiently satisfy the requirements for the application of the (b)(6) exemption.

Please be advised that the Agency reasonably foresees that disclosure of the withheld information would be harmful to an interest that is protected by the identified exemptions.

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Since a document was withheld in its entirety and information was withheld from the enclosures, you may construe this as a partial denial of your request. You are hereby advised of this Agency's appeal procedures.

You may appeal this decision. If you decide to appeal, you should do so in the manner outlined below. NSA will endeavor to respond within 20 working days of receiving any appeal, absent any unusual circumstances.

- The appeal must be sent via U.S. postal mail, fax, or electronic delivery (e-mail) and addressed to:

NSA FOIA/PA Appeal Authority (P132)
National Security Agency
9800 Savage Road STE 6932
Fort George G. Meade, MD 20755-6932

The facsimile number is 443-479-3612.

The appropriate email address to submit an appeal is
FOIA_PA_Appeals@nsa.gov.

- It must be postmarked or delivered electronically no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Decisions appealed after 90 days will not be addressed.
- Include the case number provided above.
- Describe with sufficient detail why you believe the denial of requested information was unwarranted.

You may also contact our FOIA Public Liaison at foialo@nsa.gov for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the

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National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Rd. - OGIS
College Park, MD 20740
ogis@nara.gov / 877-684-6448 / (Fax) 202-741-5769

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sally A. Nicholson".

SALLY A. NICHOLSON
Chief, FOIA/PA Division
NSA Initial Denial Authority

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a/s

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From: donotreply@nsa.gov
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2020 10:11 AM
To: FOIANET
Subject: Message from FOIA Request Form

Your Name: Mr John R Greenewald
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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 ask that you re-evaluate my fee status category, as it has been denied in the past. Throughout the past couple of years, I have published numerous articles that have garnered worldwide attention, and the article I have written (condensing / editorializing / summarizing received FOIA documents) have been republished themselves, along with profiled, in numerous media agencies worldwide. A simple Google News search can confirm the above, or examples can be provided, if needed.

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.

Describe the records you seek, and provide any additional pertinent information (up to 5000 characters):

I respectfully request a copy of records, electronic or otherwise, that pertain OR MENTION OR CONTAIN CROSS REFERENCES to QAnon. QAnon is a far-right conspiracy theory detailing a supposed secret plot by an alleged "deep state" against U.S. President Donald Trump and his supporters. The theory began with an October 2017 post on the anonymous imageboard 4chan by someone using the name Q, a presumably American individual that may have later grown to include multiple people, claiming to have access to classified information involving the Trump administration and its opponents in the United States. Q has falsely accused numerous liberal Hollywood actors, Democratic politicians, and high-ranking officials of engaging in an international child sex trafficking ring, and has claimed that Donald Trump feigned collusion with Russians in order to enlist Robert Mueller to join him in exposing the ring and preventing a coup d'état by Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton, and George Soros. "Q" is a reference to the top-secret Q clearance. QAnon believers commonly tag their social media posts with the hashtag #WWG1WGA, signifying the motto "where we go one, we go all."

I agree to limit the search of records to those dated 2016 through to the date of

processing this request.

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

Sincerely,

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**Date Range of Requested
Documents**

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Viewing 23 replies from thirteen people starting with the message from [REDACTED]



[REDACTED] (U//FOUO) DIRNSA: "So here's what we're gonna do with the Field Tour Policy...." *Feed cuts out* NQOOOOOOOOO!!!!!!

November 6, 2019 at 1:28 pm (November 6, 2019)

Implicit Topics: DIRNSA four field policy

» posted to [The Stream](#)



[REDACTED] (U//FOUO) [REDACTED] I knew it was a bad idea to hire the Sopranos writer for this talk.

November 6, 2019 at 1:29 pm (November 6, 2019) - in reply to [REDACTED]

Implicit Topics: Talk hire idea

» posted to [The Stream](#)



[REDACTED] (U//FOUO) [REDACTED] Seriously, did anyone catch what DIRNSA said in regards to the Field Tour policy question?

November 6, 2019 at 1:29 pm (November 6, 2019) - in reply to [REDACTED]

Implicit Topics: DIRNSA tour field more...

» posted to [The Stream](#)



[REDACTED] (U//FOUO) @ [REDACTED] Worst cliffhanger ever!

November 6, 2019 at 1:30 pm (November 6, 2019) - in reply to [REDACTED]

» posted to [The Stream](#)



[REDACTED] (U//FOUO) [REDACTED] More or less nothing has been decided yet. They're considering dropping RODAs sub-13 and requiring field tour or deployment for promote to 15.

November 6, 2019 at 1:40 pm (November 6, 2019) - in reply to [REDACTED]

Implicit Topics: deployment tour field

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» posted to [The Stream](#)



[REDACTED] (U//FOUO) [REDACTED] Also something about RODAs at NSA for some roles? I didn't follow that part.

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November 6, 2019 at 1:40 pm (November 6, 2019) - in reply to [REDACTED]



Implicit Topics: roles follow NSAW

» posted to The Stream

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[REDACTED] (U//FOUO) [REDACTED] requiring field tour or deployment for promote to 15 ... for which set of people?

November 6, 2019 at 1:49 pm (November 6, 2019) - in reply to [REDACTED]



Implicit Topics: deployment tour field set

» posted to The Stream



[REDACTED] (U//FOUO) [REDACTED] • Bad idea!! We have enough requirements for rotations and such for non-Seniors. Let alone other types of requirements. Add more???

November 6, 2019 at 1:52 pm (November 6, 2019) - in reply to [REDACTED]



Implicit Topics: requirements idea

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» posted to The Stream

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[REDACTED] (U//FOUO) [REDACTED] Requiring a field tour or deployment for promotion is not a very inclusive policy. There are many people who cannot, whether it be for financial, familial, medical, or other reasons.

November 6, 2019 at 1:53 pm (November 6, 2019) - in reply to [REDACTED]



Implicit Topics: reasons financial medical more...

» posted to The Stream



[REDACTED] (U//FOUO) [REDACTED] He didn't go into much detail, I might have misunderstood what he was trying to say.

November 6, 2019 at 1:55 pm (November 6, 2019) - in reply to [REDACTED]



Implicit Topic: detail

» posted to The Stream



[REDACTED] (U//FOUO) [REDACTED] Removing most requirements, but it sounds like they had complaints from people that they couldn't find appropriate jobs at NSAW because people at NSAW don't rotate and the jobs are filled.

November 6, 2019 at 1:56 pm (November 6, 2019) - in reply to [REDACTED]



Implicit Topics: complaints jobs requirements NSAW

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posted to The Stream



[REDACTED] (U//FOUO) [REDACTED] Again, I'm just trying to relay since I guess some people experienced a cut-out. I'm a nobody over here just relaying what I thought I heard.

November 6, 2019 at 1:56 pm (November 6, 2019) - in reply to [REDACTED]



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[redacted] (U//FOUO) [redacted] And by correlation, many at field sites who can't for the same reasons. But their alternative is more dismal than simply "oops I don't get that promo".

November 6, 2019 at 1:58 pm (November 6, 2019) - in [reply](#) to [redacted]



Implicit Topics: [alternative](#) [oops](#) [reasons](#) [more...](#)

» posted to **The Stream**

[redacted] (U//FOUO) [redacted] So what does that mean for 13 and 14's that have no desire to promote to 15? RODA, no RODA?

November 6, 2019 at 3:14 pm (November 6, 2019) - in [reply](#) to [redacted]

» posted to **The Stream**

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[redacted] (U//FOUO) [redacted] RODA from what I heard.

November 6, 2019 at 3:36 pm (November 6, 2019) - in [reply](#) to [redacted]

» posted to **The Stream**

[redacted] (U//FOUO) [redacted] so this includes 13 and 14's at NSAW right?

November 6, 2019 at 4:13 pm (November 6, 2019) - in [reply](#) to [redacted]



Implicit Topics: [includes](#) [NSAW](#)

» posted to **The Stream**

[redacted] (U//FOUO) [redacted] Can someone expand RODA for me?

November 6, 2019 at 4:17 pm (November 6, 2019) - in [reply](#) to [redacted]

» posted to **The Stream**

[redacted] (U//FOUO) [redacted] Rotation Date?

November 6, 2019 at 4:19 pm (November 6, 2019) - in [reply](#) to [redacted]



Implicit Topics: [rotation](#) [Date](#)

» posted to **The Stream**

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[redacted] (U//FOUO) [redacted] lol. coincidence, i think not.

November 7, 2019 at 7:01 am (November 7, 2019) - in [reply](#) to [redacted]



Implicit Topic: [coincidence](#)

» posted to **The Stream**

  (U//FOUO)  I have wanted to do a field tour for years now, and the everytime i see the ad, it disappears into the ether.

November 7, 2019 at 7:06 am (November 7, 2019) - in [reply](#) to 

Implicit Topics: [tour](#) [Wanted](#) [field](#)

» posted to [The Stream](#)

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  (U//FOUO)  someone told me they only show the ads on certain days of the week and then take them down. which i thought was very odd.

November 7, 2019 at 7:08 am (November 7, 2019) - in [reply](#) to 

Implicit Topic: [odd](#)

» posted to [The Stream](#)

  (U//FOUO)  I always thought it was Return Of Duty Assignment?

November 7, 2019 at 9:27 am (November 7, 2019) - in [reply](#) to 

Implicit Topics: [assignment](#) [duty](#) [return](#)

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  (U//FOUO)  This actually sounds like some qAnon conspiracy theory. Field ads appear in the hr tool just like other jobs. If you want a specific job, you should write to the org and ask about it.

November 7, 2019 at 9:43 am (November 7, 2019) - in [reply](#) to 

Implicit Topics: [conspiracy](#) [jobs](#) [field](#) [more...](#)

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  (U//FOUO)  Not true -- but they're often only advertised for two weeks. 'Go VQS' weekly; filter by your grade before 'closed' [Apply](#)

November 7, 2019 at 11:53 am (November 7, 2019) - in [reply](#) to 

Implicit Topics: [column](#) [assignments](#) [closed](#) [more...](#)

» posted to [The Stream](#)



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Sent: Sunday, August 5, 2018 12:28 AM
To: donotreply@webform.nsa.gov
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] FOIA Request (Web form submission)

Title: Mr.

Last Name: Greenewald

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Postal City: Castaic

Postal State-prov: CA

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Home Phone: 8004562228

Records Requested: 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" however due to your agency's denial of this status, I hereby submit this request as an "All other" requester.

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 the Intellipedia entry (from all three Wikis that make up the Intellipedia) for the following entry(s) (Or whatever similar topic may pertain if it is slightly worded differently):

QANON

and/or

Q-ANON

"Approved for Release to John Geenewald Case 109168 25 March 2026. Any other release must protect the PII of Mr. Greenwald."

Please also include any Intellipedia entries that contain the above mentioned keywords/phrases. I agree to accept only those articles that come up as a result of using the Intellipedia search engine as responsive to this portion of my request.

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

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NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY
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FOIA Case: 104889
8 August 2018

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Dear Mr. Greenwald:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of 5 August 2018 for Intellipedia records on QANON and/ or Q-ANON, which was received by this office on 6 August 2018. Your request has been assigned Case Number 104889. For purposes of this request and based on the information you provided in your letter, you are considered an "all other" requester. As such, you are allowed 2 hours of search time and the duplication of 100 pages at no cost. There are no assessable fees for this request.

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Your request has been processed under the provisions of the FOIA. A thorough search of Intellipedia files was conducted, but no records responsive to your request were located.

The fact that we were unable to locate records responsive to your request may be considered by you as an adverse determination, and you are hereby advised of this Agency's appeal procedures. Any person notified of an adverse determination may file an appeal to the NSA Freedom of Information Act Appeal Authority. If you decide to appeal, you should do so in the manner outlined below.

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National Security Agency
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Fort George G. Meade, MD 20755-6932

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Sincerely,

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[Redacted Signature]

for
JOHN R. CHAPMAN
Chief, FOIA/ PA Office
NSA Initial Denial Authority