Dear Mr. Musgrave:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of 17 April 2015, which was received by this office on 20 April 2015, for the report titled “Remote and Deployed Operations Integrated Cyber Operations Red Team after Action Report, U.S. Department of State.” As previously provided, your request has been assigned Case Number 81021. There is certain information relating to this processing about which the FOIA and applicable Department of Defense (DoD) and NSA/CSS regulations require we inform you.

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 and the duplication of 100 pages at no cost. There are no assessable fees for this request; therefore, we did not address your request for a fee waiver.

The document that you have requested was recently reviewed and released under the Mandatory Declassification Review (MDR) requirements of Executive Order (E.O.) 13526. Therefore, the material is enclosed and is being released to you just as it was released in MDR Case 82582. Certain information, however, has been deleted from the documents.

Some of the information deleted from the documents was found to be currently and properly classified in accordance with Executive Order 13526. This information meets the criteria for classification as set forth in Subparagraph (e) of Section 1.7 and in Subparagraph (g) of Section 1.4 and remains classified SECRET as provided in Section 1.2 of the Executive Order. 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, as well as the names of its employees. We have determined that such information exists in this document. Accordingly, this information is also 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 statute applicable in this case is Section 6, Public Law 86-36 (50 U.S. Code 3605). Such information exists in these documents and has been deleted in accordance with Public Law 86-36 (50 U.S. 3605).

You may appeal this decision. If you decide to appeal, you should do so in the following way.

• The appeal must be in writing and addressed to the:

  NSA/CSS FOIA/PA Appeal Authority (DJ4),
  National Security Agency
  9800 Savage Road STE 6248
  Fort George G. Meade, MD  20755-6248

• It must be postmarked no later than 60 calendar days of the date of this letter.
• Please include the tracking number provided above.
• Please describe with sufficient detail why you believe the denial of requested information was unwarranted.
• NSA will endeavor to respond within 20 working days of receiving your appeal, absent any unusual circumstances.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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

Encl(s):
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