



NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

14675 Lee Road
Chantilly, VA 20151-1715

25 August 2008

Ms. Marcia Hofmann
Electronic Frontier Foundation
454 Shotwell Street
San Francisco, CA 94110

Dear Ms. Hofmann:

This is in response to your fax, dated 25 February 2008, received in the Information Management Services Center of the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) on 26 February 2008. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), you requested "...copies of all reports submitted by the National Reconnaissance Office to the Intelligence Oversight Board ("IOB") pursuant to Section 2.4 of Executive Order 12863..."

Your request was processed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended. A thorough search of our files and databases located 8 records, totaling 20 pages, responsive to your request. Two of the records, totaling 8 pages, are being denied in full. Four documents, consisting of 8 pages, are being released in part. The two remaining documents, comprising 4 pages, are being released in full.

Material withheld is denied pursuant to FOIA exemptions:

- (b) (1) as properly classified information under Executive Order 12958, Section 1.4(c);

- (b) (3) which allows the withholding of information prohibited from disclosure by statute, 10 U.S.C. § 424 which states: "Except as required by the President or as provided in subsection (c), no provision of law shall be construed to require the disclosure of (1) The organization or any function . . . (2) . . . number of persons employed by or assigned or detailed to any such organization or the name, official title, occupational series, grade, or salary of any such person . . . (b) Covered Organizations . . . the National Reconnaissance Office;" and

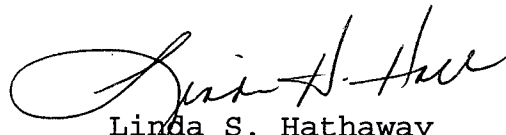
- (b) (3) which applies to information specifically exempt by statute, specifically 50 U.S.C. § 403-1, which protects intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure.

The FOIA authorizes federal agencies to assess fees for record services. Based upon the information provided, you have been placed in the "educational/scientific/media" category of requesters, which means you are responsible for duplication fees (.15 per page) exceeding 100 pages. In this case, no fees were incurred.

You have the right to appeal this determination by addressing your appeal to the NRO Appeal Authority, 14675 Lee Road, Chantilly, VA 20151-1715 within 60 days of the date of this letter. Should you decide to do so, please explain the basis of your appeal.

If you have any questions, please call the Requester Service Center at (703) 227-9326, and reference case number F08-0044.

Sincerely,



Linda S. Hathaway
Chief, Information Access
and Release Team

IOB Summary Sheet

Name of Department or Agency: **National Reconnaissance Office**

CY Quarterly Report: **First Quarter (Jan – Mar) 2007**

Date of Incident:

Date of Report to IOB: **30 April 2007**

Date of Report to Department/ Agency: **N/a**

Date of Report Submitted to Other Entity (DOJ, Congress, Civil Liberties Office, etc.): **N/a**

Possible violation of:

STATUTE (US Code Citation)

FISA (50 USC §1801)

Other (U.S.C. citation: _____)

EXECUTIVE ORDER 12333:

Section 2.3: collection and dissemination of USP info

Section 2.4: preamble: least intrusive collection

Section 2.4(a): CIA electronic surveillance within US

Section 2.4(b): non-consensual physical search within US

Section 2.4(c): physical surveillance of USP within US

Section 2.4(d): physical surveillance of USP abroad

Section 2.5: AG approval within US or against USP abroad

Section 2.6: assistance to law enforcement

Section 2.7: contracting

Section 2.9: undisclosed participation

Section 2.10: human experimentation

Section 2.11: prohibition on assassination

Section 2.12: indirect participation

AG APPROVED EO 12333 GUIDELINES (Guideline name and section: _____)

OTHER EXECUTIVE ORDER (SPECIFY)

Creation of unauthorized SAP (EO 12958, as amended)

Other (EO citation: _____)

PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE (SPECIFY)

COVERT ACTION FINDING/ MEMORANDUM OF NOTIFICATION

Other (Presidential Directive Citation: _____)

DEPARTMENT/ AGENCY ACTION:

DATE OF FINAL DISPOSITION:

Narrative: NRO/IG received a report from NSA/IG alleging that NRO elements may be disseminating unminimized SIGINT to consumers without delegated authority from SECDEF. Although NSA/IG had virtually no information or documentation to support these allegations, NRO/IG has initiated a thorough review of the matter. Our office will support NRO/IG in this effort and will report additional facts as they become available. Point of contact on this matter is

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

General Counsel

IOB Summary Sheet

Name of Department or Agency: **National Reconnaissance Office**

CY Quarterly Report: **Second Quarter (Apr-Jun) 2007**

Date of Incident:

Date of Report to IOB: **12 July 2007**

Date of Report to Department/ Agency: **N/a**

Date of Report Submitted to Other Entity (DOJ, Congress, Civil Liberties Office, etc.): **N/a**

Possible violation of:

STATUTE (US Code Citation)

FISA (50 USC §1801)

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AG APPROVED EO 1233 GUIDELINES (Guideline name and section: _____)

OTHER EXECUTIVE ORDER (SPECIFY)

Creation of unauthorized SAP (EO 12958, as amended)

Other (EO citation: _____)

PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE (SPECIFY)

COVERT ACTION FINDING/ MEMORANDUM OF NOTIFICATION

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DEPARTMENT/ AGENCY ACTION:

DATE OF FINAL DISPOSITION:

Narrative: In our quarterly report for first quarter calendar year 2007, we reported NSA/IG alleged that NRO may have been disseminating unminimized SIGINT, and that NRO/IG initiated a thorough review of the matter. NRO/IG completed its review on 29 May 2007. It concluded that there was no evidence to indicate that unminimized SIGINT is or was disseminated from either the NRO, or by other agency personnel assigned to NRO facilities, to non-NSA U.S. Intelligence Community organizations, the Central Intelligence Agency, Defense Intelligence Agency, the [REDACTED] We therefore consider this matter closed. We have nothing further to report for the second quarter, 2007.

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General Counsel

IOB Summary Sheet

Name of Department or Agency: **National Reconnaissance Office**

CY Quarterly Report: **Second Quarter (Jul-Sep) 2007**

Date of Incident: **N/a**

Date of Report to IOB: **12 Nov 2007**

Date of Report to Department/ Agency: **N/a**

Date of Report Submitted to Other Entity (DOJ, Congress, Civil Liberties Office, etc.): **N/a**

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DEPARTMENT/ AGENCY ACTION:

DATE OF FINAL DISPOSITION

Narrative: The NRO has nothing to report for the third quarter, 2007.



General Counsel

IOB Summary Sheet

Name of Department or Agency: **National Reconnaissance Office**

CY Quarterly Report: **Fourth Quarter (Oct - Dec) 2007**

Date of Incident: **N/a**

Date of Report to IOB: **23 January 2008**

Date of Report to Department/ Agency: **N/a**

Date of Report Submitted to Other Entity (DOJ, Congress, Civil Liberties Office, etc.): **N/a**

Possible violation of:

STATUTE (US Code Citation)

FISA (50 USC §1801)

Other (U.S.C. citation: _____)

EXECUTIVE ORDER 12333:

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OTHER EXECUTIVE ORDER (SPECIFY)

Creation of unauthorized SAP (EO 12958, as amended)

Other (EO citation: _____)

PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE (SPECIFY)

COVERT ACTION FINDING/ MEMORANDUM OF NOTIFICATION

Other (Presidential Directive Citation: _____)

DEPARTMENT/ AGENCY ACTION:

DATE OF FINAL DISPOSITION

Narrative: The NRO has nothing to report for the fourth quarter, 2007.

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General Counsel

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Office of Inspector General



11 February 2008

Mr. Stephen Friedman, Chairman
Intelligence Oversight Board
New Executive Office Building, Room 5020
725 17th Street NW
Washington DC 20503

REFERENCE: (U) Intelligence Oversight Quarterly Report
October 1 - December 30, 2007

Dear Mr. Friedman:

(U) This letter is submitted pursuant to Section 2.4 of Executive Order 12863 and covers the period of October 1-December 30, 2007. Information in the quarterly reports that we submit meets the reporting standard of Executive Order 12863 or may be of general interest to the Board. However, during this reporting period, no reportable matters have been brought to the attention of this office.

(U) Please let me know if the Board has questions with regard to any matter or if I may be of assistance in any way. I can be reached at (310) 416-7405.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Eric R. Feldman", written over a horizontal line.

Eric R. Feldman
Inspector General

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Office of Inspector General



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18 August 2004

General Brent Scowcroft (Ret)
Chairman, Intelligence Oversight Board
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear General Scowcroft:

(U) This letter is submitted pursuant to Section 2.4 of Executive Order 12863 and covers the period of 1 April to 30 June 2004. Information in the report meets the reporting standard of Executive Order 12863 or may be of general interest to the Board. I would like to advise you of the following matter which has come to my attention during the reporting period.

(U) Urgent Concern Regarding Alleged Mishandling of Classified Equipment and Information

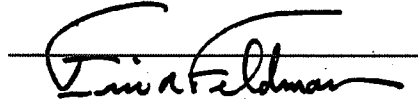
(U//~~FOUO~~) On June 21, 2004 the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO), Office of Inspector General (OIG) received information from an NRO employee requesting to invoke the "Whistleblower" process provided in the Inspector General Act of 1978 as amended in order to present an "urgent concern", as defined in that act, to the intelligence oversight committees of the Congress. The NRO OIG presented this information to the Department of Defense OIG, which in turn found it "credible" and so informed the Secretary of Defense. The Secretary, in turn, has presented this urgent concern to the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI) and the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI).

(U//~~FOUO~~) The information presented alleges that a laptop computer that could contain classified information is missing at an NRO facility. The information also alleges broader problems in the handling of classified equipment and information. The NRO OIG has begun an

investigation to determine whether the allegations are true, and to determine what, if any, corrective and disciplinary actions are required.

(U) Please let me know if the Board has questions with regard to anything covered by this report or if I may be of assistance in any way.

Sincerely,



Eric R. Feldman
Inspector General

cc:
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Reconnaissance Office
Deputy Director, National
Reconnaissance Office
General Counsel, National
Reconnaissance Office
Inspector General,
Department of Defense
Inspector General,
Central Intelligence Agency

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