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Washington, D.C. 20223

Date: MAR 05 2019

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Attn: John Greenwald

File Number: 20171842

Dear Requester:

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request originally received by the United States Secret Service (USSS) on June 26, 2017, for information pertaining to any and all policy documents, or records describing the use of HYPNOSIS by your agency.

Enclosed are documents responsive to your request. We are granting your request under the FOIA, Title 5 U.S.C. § 552 (as amended) and 6 C.F.R., Chapter I and Part 5. After carefully reviewing the responsive documents, it has been determined they are appropriate for release. The documents are being released in their entirety. No deletions or exemptions have been claimed.

Provisions of the FOIA allow us to recover part of the cost of complying with your request. In this instance, the cost is below the \$14.00 minimum. There is no charge.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter, please contact this office at (202) 406-6370. FOIA File No. 20171842 is assigned to your request. Please refer to this file number in all future communication with this office.

Sincerely,

Kim E. Campbell
Special Agent In Charge

Freedom of Information Act & Privacy Act Officer

Enclosure(s)

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT
SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552**

Provisions of the Freedom of Information Act do not apply to matter that are:

- (b) (1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive Order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified pursuant to such Executive order;
- (b) (2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices any agency;
- (b) (3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), if that statute: (A)(i) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on the issue, or (ii) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld; and (B) is established after the date of enactment of the OPEN FOIA Act of 2009;
- (b) (4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b) (5) 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; provided that the deliberative process privilege shall not apply to records created 25 years or more before the date on which the records were requested;
- (b) (6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b) (7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the information: (A) could reasonable be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings; (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication; (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy; (D) could reasonable be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of a record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source; (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law; (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b) (8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for regulation or supervision of financial institutions;
- (b) (9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

**PRIVACY ACT
SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a**

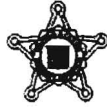
The provisions of the Privacy Act do not apply to:

- (d) (5) material compiled in reasonable anticipation of civil action or proceeding;
- (j) (2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) material is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive Order in the interest of national defense or foreign policy;
- (k) (2) material compiled during investigations for law enforcement purposes;
- (k) (3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or other individuals pursuant to section 3056 of Title 18;
- (k) (5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment, military service, Federal contracts, or for access to classified information, but only to the extent that the disclosure of such material would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information to the Government under an express promise that the identity of the source would be held in confidence, or prior to the September 27, 1975, under an implied promise that the identity of the source would be held in confidence;
- (k) (6) testing or examination material used solely to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in the Federal service the disclosure of which would compromise the objectivity or fairness of the testing or examination process;

United States Secret Service
Directives System

Manual : Investigative
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Section : FSD-29
Date : 06/18/2008



Subject: The Use of Hypnosis as an Investigative Technique

To: All Supervisors and All Manual Holders of the Investigative Manual


Filing Instructions:

- Remove and destroy section FSD-29, The Use of Hypnosis as an Investigative Technique, (dated 09/30/84), in its entirety, and replace with the attached Slipsheet.
- File this Policy Memorandum in front of this section.
- This directive is in effect until superseded.

Impact Statement: This directive has been reviewed in its entirety. It has been determined that no modifications to this policy are required at this time. Information pertaining to the use of hypnosis as an investigative technique should be obtained by local field offices. Accordingly, this policy has been reauthorized.

Mandatory Review: The Responsible Office will review all policy contained in this section in its entirety by or before June 2011.

Questions concerning this directive should be addressed to the Forensic Services Division, at 202-406-5926.


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AD - Investigations

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SLIPSHEET

Remove and destroy all material under FSD-29 of the Investigative Manual.

This section is being discontinued because it has been determined that information pertaining to the use of hypnosis as an investigative technique should be obtained by local field offices.