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NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU
1411 JEFFERSON DAVIS HIGHWAY
ARLINGTON VA 22202-3231

May 20, 2009

Office of the Chief Counsel

Mr. John Greenewald, Jr.



Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act request dated March 17, 2009 for a copy of any and all releasable documents pertaining to an incident where Alabama National Guard allowed a German TV documentary to be filmed on post and all records generated about the visit, plans for their arrival, the shoot itself, and any policy/protocol changes that prohibit this from happening again. This includes all documents that pertain to this request, but is not limited to, electronic files, email, letters, reports, memos, photographs, videos, etc. Your request was assigned case #FA-09-0095.

A thorough search by the Alabama Army National Guard did not reveal any records on policy/protocol changes as a result of this event. A search of records on the documentary visit revealed 11 pages responsive to your request. After a thorough review of these documents, I have determined that portions of them are exempt from disclosure under the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6). We are releasing a total of 11 pages in part.

Exemption (b)(6) protects personnel, medical, and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Under this exemption, we are withholding names of Department of Defense personnel and personally identifiable information, such as social security numbers for all parties, as release of this information would constitute an invasion of personal privacy.

This announces a decision on behalf of General Craig R. McKinley, U.S. Air Force, Chief, National Guard Bureau, who is the Initial Denial Authority for all Army and Air National Guard Freedom of Information Act requests.

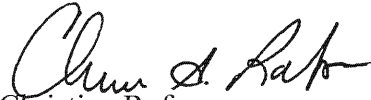
You may appeal our determination to the Secretary of the Army through our office within 60 days from the date of this letter. Your appeal should include copies of your original request and this response, as well as a discussion of the reasons supporting your appeal. The envelope should be plainly marked to indicate that it contains a FOIA appeal. If you decide to appeal, please send your appeal to:

Chief, National Guard Bureau
NGB-JA/FOIA (Appeals)
1411 Jefferson Davis Highway
Arlington, Virginia 22202-3231

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If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Ms. Jennifer Nikolaisen, NGB FOIA Officer, at (703) 607-3195.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christian Rofrano". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and "R".

Christian Rofrano
Lieutenant Colonel, US Army
Chief Counsel
National Guard Bureau

Enclosure

(b) (6) NGAL (PKI)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2009 12:52 PM
To: (b) (6) NGAL (PKI)
Subject: RE: Filming with the Alabama National Guard (UNCLASSIFIED)

It was nice talking to you on the phone. Thank you for all of your help and information.

As of now, we are hoping to film this potential segment on Thursday February 12th. I look forward to speaking more on Monday.

Thank you again,

(b) (6)

> Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

> Caveats: NONE

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> type of training are you interested in. I have units up there but during
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> From: (b) (6)

> [mailto:(b) (6)]

> Sent: Friday, January 30, 2009 11:40 AM

> To: (b) (6) NGAL (PKI)

> Subject: Filming with the Alabama National Guard

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> documentary-style project Amesbury Chase, a Los Angeles-based film and TV
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> the Alabama National Guard during the week of February 8th so I wanted to
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> to undergo the intense training members of the National Guard must endure
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> forward to speaking with you very soon.

> Best,

> (b) (6)

> Field Coordinator

> Amesbury Chase Productions

> (b) (6)

> Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

> Caveats: NONE

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(b) (6) NGAL (PKI)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 4:22 PM
To: (b) (6) NGAL (PKI)
Subject: RE: Filming with the Alabama National Guard (UNCLASSIFIED)

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> [mailto:(b) (6)]
> Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 3:32 PM
> To: (b) (6) NGAL (PKI)
> Subject: RE: Filming with the Alabama National Guard (UNCLASSIFIED)

> Hello (b) (6)

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From: (b) (6) NGAL (PKI)
Sent: Wednesday, February 04, 2009 7:33 AM
To: (b) (6) NGAL (PKI); (b) (6) NGAL (PKI); (b) (6)
Subject: NGAL (PKI); (b) (6) NGAL (PKI)
FW: Filming with the Alabama National Guard (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Caveats: NONE

(b) (6) is coming down for a site visit tomorrow, Thursday, 5 Feb 09 at 1300. He wants to talk with some of the Staff and said he wanted to some Students. Not sure About the Students. I will met him at the gate and escort him.

(b) (6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6) NGAL (PKI)
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2009 11:15 AM
To: (b) (6) NGAL (PKI)
Subject: FW: Filming with the Alabama National Guard (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Caveats: NONE

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(b) (6)

NGAL (PKI)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2009 4:24 PM
To: (b) (6) NGAL (PKI)
Subject: Re: itinerary (UNCLASSIFIED)

Thank you again.
Talk very soon,

(b) (6)

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> (b) (6) below is an outline of what the day will be like. We can adjust if
> possible.
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> 1300-1330: Meet in conference room with media, (b) (6) (State Training
> Officer & OCS BN Commander), (b) (6) (OCS BN XO) and (b) (6) (Range
> Control)
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> 1330-1345: Travel to Pelham Range
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> 1345-1415: Visit Leadership Reaction Course & Possibly the confidence
> course
>
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>
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> candidates
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> 1545: Depart based on your schedule
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> Departure time is flexible. If they want to shoot some video of OCS area,
> that is ok. If they want to wait and see the class conduct dining
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> procedures, that is ok.
> Let me know if this will work.
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> Thanks
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(b) (6) NGAL (PKI)

From: **(b) (6)**
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2009 5:14 PM
To: **(b) (6)** NGAL (PKI)
Subject: Re: itinerary (UNCLASSIFIED)

If my team can get to you at 11AM, would we be able to join for lunch prep and lunch and then follow your excellent and fun schedule after lunch?

Everything looks great!

Best,

(b) (6)

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(b) (6) NGAL (PKI)

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2009 5:48 PM
To: (b) (6) NGAL (PKI)
Subject: Re: itinerary (UNCLASSIFIED)

Great!
Thanks,
(b) (6)

> Let me check on that but it should be ok.
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> <(b) (6)>
> To: (b) (6) NGAL (PKI)
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> Subject: Re: itinerary (UNCLASSIFIED)
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