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Ref: 14-F-0683

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Dear Mr. Clarke:

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated March 31, 2014, which was received in this office on April 7, 2014. Twelve pages of records were located as responsive to section 1 of your request.

Mr. Mark S. Patrick, Chief, Information Management Division, Joint Staff (JS) has determined that the records responsive to your request, totaling 12 pages, are being denied in their entirety. The records denied in their entirety do not contain meaningful portions that are reasonably segregable. The information is currently and properly classified in accordance with Executive Order 13526, Section 1.4 (a) concerning military plans, weapons, or operations; Section 1.4 (d), concerning foreign relations or foreign activities of the United States, including confidential sources; and Section 1.4 (g) concerning vulnerabilities or capability of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans or protection services relating to the national security. Accordingly, this information is denied pursuant to 5 USC § 552 (b)(1). The pages denied in their entirety do not contain meaningful portions that are reasonably segregable.

Mr. Mark S. Patrick, Chief, Information Management Division, Joint Staff (JS) a FOIA Initial Denial Authority (IDA), advised that based on the information provided in sections 2, 3, and 4 of your request and thorough searches of the paper and electronic records and files of the JS, no documents of the kind you described could be located. We believe that these search methods were appropriate and could reasonably be expected to produce the requested records if they existed. Mr. Patrick further certified that after making a good faith effort and conducting a thorough search of records using methods, detailed above, that could reasonably be expected to produce the information requested, there are no records, and that to the best of their knowledge, no such documents exist within the records of the JS.

There are no assessable fees associated with this response. If you are not satisfied with this action, you may appeal to the appellate authority, the Director of Administration and Management, Office of the Secretary of Defense, by writing directly to the Defense Freedom of Information Policy Office, Attn: Mr. James Hogan, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20301-1155. Your appeal should be postmarked within 60 calendar days of the date of this letter,

should cite to case number 14-F-0683, and should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

for Charles F. Marge

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