



NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY
CENTRAL SECURITY SERVICE
FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MARYLAND 20755-6000

FOIA Case: 100552
17 January 2017

BRENDAN O'CONNOR
STAFF REPORTER, SPECIAL PROJECTS DESK
2 WEST 17TH STREET
NEW YORK NY 10011

Dear Mr. O'Connor:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of 10 January 2017, which was received by this office on 11 January 2017, for "all agency records relating to or mentioning SCL Group (a.k.a. Strategic Communication Laboratories Group) or its subsidiaries SCL Commercial, SCL Defense, SCL Elections, SCL Social, SCL USA, or Cambridge Analytica. Please consider all records generated between 1993 and the date this request is processed responsive." Your request has been assigned Case Number 100552. 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.

There are no assessable fees for this request; therefore, we did not address your fee category.

Your request has been processed under the provisions of the FOIA. Your request has been reviewed by this Agency as required by the FOIA, and is being fully denied in accordance with Executive Order 13526, as set forth in Subparagraphs (e) and (g) of Section 1.4. This request is denied because disclosure could reasonably be expected to cause damage (at minimum) to the national security, per Executive Order 13526, Section 1.2. Any responsive material that may exist would be deemed currently and properly protected; therefore, 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. Accordingly, your request is also denied 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). No portion of any responsive material is reasonably segregable.

Please be advised that due to changing security concerns, this is now our standard response to all requests where we reasonably believe acquisition records are being sought on a contract or contract related activity. The NSA/CSS FOIA office has not conducted any sort of search to determine whether or not records exist. You may appeal this decision. If you decide to appeal, you should do so in the manner outlined below. You may appeal this decision. If you decide to appeal, you should do so in the manner outlined below.

- The appeal must be in writing and addressed to:

NSA/CSS FOIA/PA Appeal Authority (P132)
National Security Agency
9800 Savage Road STE 6932
Fort George G. Meade, MD 20755-6932

- It must be postmarked no later than 90 calendar days of the date of this letter.
- Decisions appealed after 90 days will not be addressed.
- Please include the case number provided above.
- Please describe with sufficient detail why you believe this denial was unwarranted.
- NSA will endeavor to respond within 20 working days of receiving your appeal, absent any unusual circumstances.

You may also contact our FOIA Public Liaison at foialo@nsa.gov for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Rd- OGIS
College Park, MD 20740
ogis@nara.gov
(877)684-6448
(202)741-5770
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Sincerely,

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JOHN R. CHAPMAN
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NSA Initial Denial Authority