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Mr. Steven Aftergood  
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REF: FOIA Case F15-0065  
Request Control Number 734

Dear Mr. Aftergood:

This is in response to your request dated 3 March 2015, received in the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) on 3 March 2015. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), you requested "...a copy of all unclassified portions of the NRO Congressional Budget Justification Book for Fiscal Year 2016."

Your request was processed in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended. The record you have requested is denied in full pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b) (1), as properly classified information under Executive Order 13526, Sections 1.4(c), (e) and (g); and (b) (3), which is the basis for withholding information exempt from disclosure by statute. The relevant withholding statute is 10 U.S.C. § 424, which provides (except as required by the President or for information provided to Congress), that no provision of law shall be construed to require the disclosure of the organization or any function of the NRO; the number of persons employed by or assigned or detailed to the NRO; or the name or official title, occupational series, grade, or salary of any such person.

The NRO has determined that a series of unclassified items in the document in the aggregate reveals associations or relationships not otherwise revealed in the unclassified items individually; thus, in the aggregate, this information meets the standard for classification under E.O. 13526 Section 1.7(e).

You have the right to appeal this determination to the NRO Appellate Authority, 14675 Lee Road, Chantilly, VA 20151-1715, within 90 days of the above date. You may also submit an appeal electronically by completing the form on the NRO's public web site at <http://www.nro.gov/foia/AppealInput.aspx> . Please include an explanation of the reason(s) for your appeal as part of your submission. The FOIA also provides that you may seek dispute resolution for any adverse determination through the NRO FOIA Public Liaison and/or through the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). Please refer to the OGIS public web page at <https://ogis.archive.gov/> for additional information.

If you have any questions, please call the Requester Service Center at (703) 227-9326 and reference case number F15-0065.

Sincerely,



Patricia B. Cameresi  
FOIA Public Liaison