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FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MARYLAND 20755-6000

FOIA Case: 78872A

JOHN YOUNG
CRYPTOME
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NEW YORK, NY 10024

Dear Mr Young:

This is further responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of 16 August 2014, for "any and all records and documentation on NSA Suite A Cryptography referenced here: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NSA_Suite_A_Cryptography." As provided in our initial response, your request has been assigned Case Number 78872. This letter indicates that we have begun to process your request. There is certain information relating to this processing about which FOIA and applicable Department of Defense (DoD) and NSA/CSS regulations require we inform you.

For purposes of this request and based on the information you provided in your letter, you are considered an "all other" requester. You must pay for search time in excess of 2 hours and duplication in excess of 100 pages.

We have expended your two free hours of search, and have found some material. We have also found two similar FOIA requests, Cases 74729 and 74866, which contain documents that are responsive to your request. A detailed review to determine the releasability of all material located thus far is required. We estimate that the costs involved to continue the search for material responsive to your request will be approximately \$660.00. Search fees are assessed in accordance with DoD Regulation 5400.7-R and are computed at \$44.00 an hour. Please note that the \$660.00 estimate does not include duplication fees. DoD Regulation 5400.7-R states that duplication fees are assessed at \$0.15 per page after the first 100 pages. Based on the material we have located thus far, in your request and the two prior requests, it is possible duplication fees could exceed \$250.00 only if all pages be deemed releasable. We cannot estimate the number of releasable pages at this time, as the existing prior cases remain in our backlog with a significant number of cases ahead of

those. Furthermore, we cannot determine the number of releasable pages until all of the prior cases have been processed.

Please be advised that your agreeing to incur these fees will not necessarily result in the disclosure to you of all or any information you seek. If records are found which are responsive to your request, a detailed review to determine the releasability of the information would follow. It has been our experience that any records responsive to your request if such records exist, may be classified or otherwise exempt from release in accordance with the exemption provisions of the FOIA. The application of these exemptions to NSA information has been consistently approved by the Federal Judiciary.

This is only an estimate. If, as we continue the search, we determine that fees will be greater than the estimate, we will so notify you before searching further. In addition, please be aware that an estimate for duplication fees will be determined once we begin reviewing the material in each case.

If you would like us to proceed with the continued search for information responsive to your request, we request that you remit to the FOIA office (see below for address) a check or money order made payable to the Treasurer of the United States in the amount of \$330.00. This amount represents one-half of the total search estimate. Since this is only an estimate for search time, our procedure is to request half of the estimated search costs up front, allowing us to charge any remaining difference upon completion of the entire request. Please include the number assigned to your case on any correspondence to ensure that your account is properly credited.

In accordance with the DoD regulation, processing of your request is being held in abeyance pending a response from you, within 30 days of the date of this letter. Alternately, if we do not hear back within 30 days, we will only process the first 100 pages of the documents we have located within your two free hours. Please be advised that the documents located thus far require review prior to release. Those documents will be placed in the first-in/first-out complex backlog queue. There are a significant number of requests ahead of yours in that queue.

Any other correspondence related to your request also should include the case number assigned to your request. Your letter should be addressed to National Security Agency, FOIA Office (DJ4), 9800 Savage Road STE 6248, Ft. George G. Meade, MD 20755-6248 or may be sent by facsimile to 443-479-3612. If sent by fax, it should be marked for the attention of the FOIA office.

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The telephone number of the FOIA office is 301-688-6527. Alternately, you may response via e-mail to FOIARSC@nsa.gov.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Chapman" followed by a flourish.

JOHN R. CHAPMAN
Chief
FOIA/PA Office