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

> FOIA Case: 60503A 9 March 2010

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of 27 December 2009, which was received by this office on 4 January 2010, for a printout/listing of the NSA Inspector General investigations closed since 1 October 2008. A copy of your request is enclosed. Your request has been processed under the FOIA, and the document you requested is enclosed. Certain information, however, has been deleted from the enclosure.

Subsection (b)(2) of the FOIA exempts from disclosure matters related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency. This exemption has been held to apply to matters that are "predominantly internal," the release of which would "significantly risk circumvention of agency regulations or statutes." <u>Crooker v. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms,</u> 670 F.2d 1051, 1074 (D.C. Cir. 1981). Information contained within the enclosure meets the criteria for Exemption (b)(2) protection as that statutory provision has been interpreted and applied by the Federal Judiciary. The information being protected under Subsection (b)(2) is limited to a URL on a document printed off the internal NSA web that would reveal how NSA's information network is constructed. The release of such information could expose the network to unauthorized access.

This Agency is authorized by statute to protect the names of its employees, as well as certain functions and activities of the Agency. Such information is exempt from disclosure 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 402 <u>note</u>).

In addition, information regarding other individuals has been deleted from the enclosure in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552 (b)(6). This exemption

protects from disclosure information which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. In balancing the public interest for the information you request against the privacy interests involved, we have determined that the privacy interests sufficiently satisfy the requirements for the application of the (b)(6) exemption.

The Initial Denial Authority for NSA information is the Deputy Associate Director for Policy and Records, Diane M. Janosek. Since these deletions may be construed as a partial denial of your request, you are hereby advised of this Agency's appeal procedures. Any person denied access to information may file an appeal to the NSA/CSS Freedom of Information Act Appeal Authority. The appeal must be postmarked no later than 60 calendar days from the date of the initial denial letter. The appeal shall be in writing addressed to the NSA/CSS FOIA Appeal Authority (DJP4), National Security Agency, 9800 Savage Road STE 6248, Fort George G. Meade, MD 20755-6248. The appeal shall reference the initial denial of access and shall contain, in sufficient detail and particularity, the grounds upon which the requester believes release of the information is required. The NSA/CSS Appeal Authority will endeavor to respond to the appeal within 20 working days after receipt, absent any unusual circumstances.

Sincerely,

PAMELA N. PHILLIPS Chief FOIA/PA Office

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