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# DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20340-5100



U-12-8,552/DAN-1A (FOIA)

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Mr. John Greenwald  
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Dear Mr. Greenwald:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated February 26, 2009, that you submitted to the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) for information concerning an assassination plot against President H. W. Bush, for which several Iraqi nationals were arrested in April 1993. I apologize for the delay in responding to your request. DIA continues its efforts to eliminate the large backlog of pending FOIA requests. In order to properly respond, it was necessary to consult with another agency and with multiple offices within the agency.

A search of DIA's systems of records located 26 documents (122 pages) responsive to your request. Of these responsive records, 25 documents (119 pages) were referred to other government agencies for their review and direct response to you. This referral is necessary because the documents did not originate with DIA.

Upon review, I have determined that some portions of the remaining document (three pages) must be withheld in part from disclosure pursuant to the FOIA. The withheld portions are exempt from release pursuant to Exemptions 1 and 3 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(1) and (b)(3). Exemption 1 applies to information properly classified under the criteria of Executive Order 13526. Exemption 3 applies to information specifically exempted by a statute establishing particular criteria for withholding. The applicable statutes are 10 U.S.C. § 424 and 50 U.S.C. § 403-1(i). Statute 10 U.S.C. § 424 protects the identity of DIA employees, the organizational structure of the agency, and any function of DIA. Statute 50 U.S.C. § 403-1(i) protects intelligence sources and methods.

If you are not satisfied with my response to your request, you may exercise your right to file an administrative appeal by writing to the address below and referring to case number 0150-2009. Your appeal must be postmarked no later than 60 days after the date of this letter.

Defense Intelligence Agency  
ATTN: DAN-1A (FOIA)  
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Sincerely,

Alesia Y. Williams  
Chief, Freedom of Information Act Staff

Enclosure: a/s

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PASS: (U) (b)(3):10 USC 424, (b)(3):50 USC 403-1(i)

COUNTRY: (U) IRAQ (IZ); KUWAIT (KU).

SUBJ: (b)(3):10 USC 424 --GROWING ANTI-SADDAM  
SENTIMENT IN IRAQI GOVERNMENT CIRCLES (U).

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DOI: (U) 930612.

(b)(3):10 USC 424

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SUMMARY: ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ IRAQI GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE BECOMING  
INCREASINGLY CRITICAL OF SADDAM ((HUSAYN)) AND BELIEVE HE WAS  
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PLANNED ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT BUSH IN  
KUWAIT CITY.

TEXT: 1. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ THERE IS GROWING ANIMOSITY AMONG IRAQI

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TOWARD THE CURRENT IRAQI RULING POWER CIRCLE AND PARTICULARLY TOWARD IRAQI PRESIDENT SADDAM ((HUSAYN)). IRAQI GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS NOW OPENLY CRITICIZE SADDAM AND HIS POLICIES WITH THOSE WHOM THEY TRUST (b)(1), 1.4 (c) THIS REPRESENTS A MARKED CHANGE IN CRITICISM TOWARD THE REGIME. UNLIKE PAST CRITICISMS WHICH WERE EXTREMELY CLOSE-HOLD, DISCRETE, AND MADE THROUGH INNUENDO, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS NOW APPEAR TO CRITICIZE SADDAM MORE OPENLY, ALTHOUGH STILL IN PRIVATE CIRCLES.)

2. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ THIS NEW OPENNESS IN CRITICISM TOWARDS PRESIDENT HUSAYN WAS FIRST APPARENT IN APRIL 1993, AS THE IRAQI CENTRAL BANK PRESENTED PRESIDENT HUSAYN WITH A GOLD-PLATED QUOTE CINDERELLA UNQUOTE COACH AND A LARGE BIRTHDAY CAKE WHICH HE DISPLAYED PROUDLY IN A LAVISH CEREMONY BEFORE AN ORGANIZED CROWD OF SUPPORTERS. AFTER THIS CEREMONY, MANY IRAQI GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS COMMENTED THAT THEY WERE FILLED WITH DISGUST WHILE VIEWING THE CEREMONY. HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS WITHIN THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT ARE QUOTE FED UP UNQUOTE WITH PRESIDENT HUSAYN. MANY IRAQI GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE CONVINCED THAT PRESIDENT HUSAYN WAS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PLANNED ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT BUSH IN KUWAIT CITY, KUWAIT. PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS AMONG THESE OFFICIALS REVEAL THAT THEY BELIEVE PRESIDENT HUSAYN PERSONALLY ORGANIZED AND ORDERED A HIT TEAM TO KUWAIT CITY (NFI). (b)(1), 1.4 (c) (b)(1), 1.4 (c) PRESIDENT HUSAYN IS OBSESSED WITH THE PERSONAL GOAL TO DEMONSTRATE TO THE WORLD THAT OPERATION DESERT STORM DID NOT REMOVE HIM FROM THE WORLD MAP AND THAT HE WILL COME BACK TO WIN AGAINST THE WEST AND ESPECIALLY THE UNITED STATES.)

COMMENTS: (U) NONE.

(b)(3):10 USC 424.



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