

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

Serial: MDR-70401/Appeal-3989

SEP 23 2414

Mr. Miles L. Kara Sr.

Dear Mr. Kara:

This responds to your 15 May 2014 letter appealing the National Security Agency's (NSA's) redaction and withholding decisions made in Mandatory Declassification Review (MDR) case 70401 (NARA case number NW 168). I have reviewed your request, the Chief of Declassification Services' response, all related documents and your appeal letter. Based on a review conducted at another government agency, which has responsibility for this type of data, the information in the enclosed documents can be partially released.

The information withheld by the other government agency has been determined to contain information that is properly classified in accordance with E.O. 13526. The information denied meets the criteria for classification as set forth in Section 1.4 subparagraph (c). The information is also protected by the (b) (1) exemption, according to the agency that conducted the review. The withheld information remains classified SECRET, as provided in Section 1.2 of E.O. 13526.

You may consider this final Agency decision to be a denial of your appeal. You are hereby advised that under the MDR process, you may appeal a final agency decision in writing, within 60 days from the date of this letter, to the Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP) at the following address: Executive Secretary, Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel, ATTN: Classification Challenge Appeals, c/o Information Security Oversight Office, National Archives and Records Administration, 7th and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 500, Washington, DC 20408.

Additional information regarding the ISCAP's appeal process can be found at: <a href="http://www.archives.gov">http://www.archives.gov</a> by typing "ISCAP" in the search field.

Sincerely,

DAVID J. SHERMAN
Associate Director for Policy and Records

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