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Office of Freedom of Information
1155 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1155

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

To the Departmental Disclosure Officer:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act 5 U.S.C. § 552.

I request the following as it relates to any Defense Department's Intelligence Oversight Report:

- All records including but not limited to notes, contracts, correspondence, memoranda, reports, and email pertaining to the data mining program known as Able Danger which operated from 1999 until 2001 under the auspices of the US Army, SOCOM, and the Land Information Warfare Center.

The following may provide assistance in locating the records in question. According to the testimony of William Dugan, Acting Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Intelligence Oversight, given to the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary on September 21st, 2005, the Defense Department's Intelligence Oversight Report "describes any significant Defense Intelligence Oversight issues that warrant the attention of the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense and the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board." William Dugan's office receives "each quarter the reports of the Joint Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Military Services, and the Defense intelligence agencies. It is reviewed and signed jointly by the DOD General Counsel and the ATSD(IO) and then approved by the Deputy Secretary of Defense. The Quarterly Intelligence Oversight Report is then provided to the Intelligence Oversight Board of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board."

Please provide this media in electronic format if available.

In order to help to determine my status to assess fees, you should know I am a reporter with the National Security News Service and this request is made as part of a news gathering and not for commercial use.

I am willing to pay fees for this request up to a maximum of \$25. If you estimate that the fees will exceed this limit, please inform me first.

If you deny any part of this request, please cite each specific reason that you think justifies your refusal to release the information and notify me of appeal procedures available to me under the law.

Please honor expedited review of this request. This information is of timely value and as a journalist, I am primarily engaged in disseminating information.

If you have any questions processing this request, you may contact me at the following telephone number or e-mail address: (202) 466-4310 or law@publicedcenter.org

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

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Command Information Management Branch

February 3, 2006

Mr. Christopher Law
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Dear Mr. Law:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request for all records including but not limited to notes, contracts, correspondence, memoranda, reports, and email pertaining to the data mining program known as Able Danger which operated from 1999 to 2001 under the auspices of the U.S Army, United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) and the Land Information Warfare Center, USSOCOM FOIA Control Number 2006-021.

Please be advised that the official having cognizance over the subject matter of your request is the Office of Freedom of Information (OFOI), 1155 Defense Pentagon, room 2C757, Washington, DC 20301-1155. In an effort to assist you, I have referred your request to that official for action and direct response to you.

The point of contact for this FOIA action is the undersigned who may be reached at DSN 299-6112, or by email at foia@socom.mil.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Phyllis D. Holden".

Phyllis D. Holden
Command FOIA Program Manager



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Dear Mr. Law:

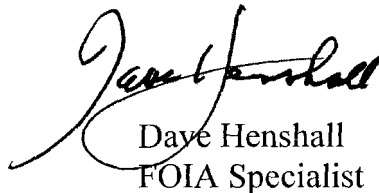
This is in response to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request you submitted on November 7, 2005. We received your request on November 16, 2005.

This Office is responsible for responding to requests for the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the Joint Staff. The components of the Department of Defense (DoD), including the military departments and separate defense agencies, operate their own FOIA offices. The procedures for submitting requests are provided in DoD Regulation 5400.7-R and are available on the Internet at <http://www.defenselink.mil/pubs/foi/>.

The records you requested are under the cognizance of the United States Special Operations Command. We have referred your request to them at the address provided below requesting they respond directly to you. There are no assessable fees for this response.

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Sincerely,


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