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Mr. Christopher Law  
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Dear Mr. Law:

This is our final response to your duplicate requests to this Office and to the U.S. Special Operations Command 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 until 2001 under the auspices of the US Army, SOCOM and the Land Information Warfare Center." The U.S. Special Operations command referred your request to this office on February 3, 2006, for review and direct response to you.

As a result of requirements to respond to various Congressional taskings regarding Able Danger and to support a Department of Defense Inspector General (DoDIG) investigation, Able Danger related documents were centrally collected by the staff of the Office of the Secretary of Defense. The Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence (USDI) has determined that approximately 9,500 pages of these collected documents are potentially responsive to your FOIA request and that those documents are exempt from release in their entirety pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(7)(A), which pertains to records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, the release of which could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings. These documents are also exempt from release pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(1), as they are currently and properly classified by Executive Order 12958, as amended, Section 1.4 (a), which pertains to military plans, weapons systems, or operations and (c) intelligence activities, intelligence sources or methods, and 5 U.S.C. §§ 552 (b)(6) and/or (b)(7)(C), which pertains to information, the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy and/or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, the release of which could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of third parties.

The USDI has also identified an additional 530 pages of the documents that are publicly available and the enclosed index provides a description of these documents.

Please advise this Office if you are interested in receiving copies of these publicly available documents by identifying which documents listed on the enclosed index you are interested in receiving. Please be advised that you may incur duplication charges for the documents that you request from this index; therefore, please advise this Office in writing of the amount that you are willing to pay in duplication fees.

If you are not satisfied with the action on your request, you may submit an appeal to James Hogan, Chief, Policy, Appeals, and Litigation Branch at the above address. Your appeal must be submitted within 60 days of the date of this letter, should cite to case number 06-F-0424 and should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Will Kammer".

Will Kammer  
Chief

Enclosure:  
As stated

cc: USSOCOM

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