

EXHIBIT B



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FOIPA Request No.: 1440257-000
Subject: The "Woods file" related to the application for
and renewals of a FISA order on Carter Page

Dear Mr. Schaerr:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. Below you will find informational paragraphs relevant to your request. Please read each item carefully.

The nature of your request implicates records the FBI compiles pursuant to its national security and foreign intelligence functions. Records about your subject would in and of itself trigger harm to national security interests per Exemption (b)(1) and/or reveal intelligence sources and methods per Exemption (b)(3); 50 U.S.C. § 3024(i)(1).

Additionally, the material you requested is exempt from disclosure pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(5). In applying this exemption, the FBI determined the records responsive to your request are privileged and deliberative. Exemption (b)(5) allows for the withholding of such privileged material – i.e., material that contains, or was prepared in connection with the formulation of, opinions, advice, evaluations, deliberations, policies, proposals, conclusions, or recommendations. As such, release of the records could reasonably be expected to interfere with the interests protected by the deliberative process.

Moreover, FOIA Exemption (b)(7)(E) protects "records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes when disclosure would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law." How the FBI applies its investigative resources against a particular allegation, report of criminal activity, or perceived threat is, itself a law enforcement technique or procedure that the FBI protects pursuant to Exemption (b)(7)(E) of 5 U.S.C. § 552.

Finally, the records on third party individual(s) you requested are categorically denied pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(6) and (b)(7)(C), 5 U.S.C. §§ 522 (b)(6) and (b)(7)(C). The records are exempt from disclosure as the processing of any such third party records would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

As a result, your request has been closed.

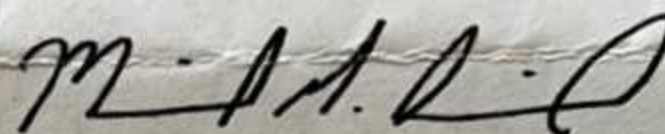
Please refer to the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for additional standard responses applicable to your request. "Part 1" of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. "Part 2" includes additional standard responses that apply to all requests for records about yourself or any third party individuals. "Part 3" includes general information about FBI records that you may find useful. Also enclosed is our Explanation of Exemptions.

For questions regarding our determinations, visit the www.fbi.gov/foia website under "Contact Us." The FOIPA Request number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please use this number in all correspondence concerning your request.

If you are not satisfied with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP's website: <https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

You may seek dispute resolution services by contacting the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769. Alternatively, you may contact the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison by emailing foipaquestions@fbi.gov. If you submit your dispute resolution correspondence by email, the subject heading should clearly state "Dispute Resolution Services." Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

Sincerely,



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