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Dear Ms. Crose:

This is in further response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of May 3, 2020, requesting records associated with "Project CENTERLANE" or "Project CENTER LANE. Please consider responsive document to include referenced documents transferred from external agencies that include the term "Project STARGATE" and supplements our response of May 13, 2017.

As noted in our letter, the search and coordination has been completed with another element of this command and documents have been returned to this office for our review and direct response to you. We have completed a review of the documents in accordance with Executive Order (EO) 13526. As a result of this review, it has been determined that the information provided to you no longer warrants security classification protection and has been sanitized from the documents to protect the personal privacy rights of the individuals concerned. This information is exempt from public disclosure provisions of the FOIA pursuant to Title 5 U.S. Code 552 (b)(6). The documents are partially releasable and are provided for your perusal.

The withholding of the information described above is a partial denial of your request. This denial is made on behalf of Major General Gary W. Johnston, Commanding, U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command, who is the Initial Denial Authority for Army intelligence investigative and security records under the FOIA. You have the right to appeal this decision to the Secretary of the Army. Your appeal must be postmarked no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. After the 90-day period, the case may be considered closed; however, such closure does not preclude you from filing litigation in the courts. You should state the basis of your disagreement with the response and provide justification for a reconsideration of the denial. An appeal may not serve as a request for additional or new information. An appeal may only address information denied in this response. Your appeal is to be made to this office to the below listed address for forwarding, as appropriate to the Secretary of the Army, Office of the General Counsel.

Commander
U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command
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2600 Ernie Pyle Street, Room 3S02-B
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In addition, while reviewing the documents, we identified information that is not responsive to your request. Therefore, the two pages are withheld in their entirety as non-responsive.

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) may have information responsive to your request. Should you wish to contact them, the address is:

Special Access/FOIA Staff
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road
College Park, Maryland 20740-6001

Please note: STAR GATE, originally a Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) program has been known by a variety of names including SCANTE, SUN STREAK, CENTER LANE and GRILL FLAME. The CIA with the controlling authority worked jointly and shared responsibility for the program with the Army (DCS, G-2/INSCOM) and the Defense Intelligence Agency. With the collaboration of those agencies the collection was reviewed, sanitized, digitized and transferred by CIA to NARA. Any future request regarding this subject matter should be addressed to NARA.

There are no assessable FOIA fees for processing this request.

If you have any questions regarding this action, contact this office at 1-866-548-5651, or email the INSCOM FOIA office at usarmy.meade.902-mi-grp-mbx.inscom-foia-service-center@mail.mil and refer to case #0403F-20. Please note that you now have the ability to check the status of your request online via the U.S. Army Records Management and Declassification Agency (RMDA) website: <https://www.foia.army.mil/FACTS/CaseStatus.aspx>. Please refer to FOIA Control Number: FP-20-019046. You may also contact the INSCOM FOIA Public Liaison, Mrs. Joanne Benear, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request at 301-677-7856. Additionally, you may contact Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they Offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8602 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, email at ogis@nara.gov, telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,

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11/1/81

Formalization of Project GRILL FLAME

IAOPB-H-P 10 Sep 1981

DCG-1 approve and sign proposed LOI implementing first phase of assigning Project GRILL FLAME to USAOG

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ORIGIN OF ACTION: ACBI orally tasked HQ INSCOM to evaluate Project GRILL FLAME in Oct 78. ADCSOPS-HUMINT established an ad hoc team, drawing personnel from in-house and from other INSCOM elements in the Wash, D.C. and Fort Meade areas. Based on preliminary results and high level interest, INSCOM requested additional funds and 16 manpower spaces in the HUMINT (PE 381321) ODIP input to the FY 82-86 and FY 83-87 POM's. These resources were identified as being required to conduct GRILL FLAME operations on a continuing basis. Latest DA FBG authorized 5 spaces (2 civ, 2 off, and 1 EM) for INSCOM as result of favorable Congressional action on the FY 82 Budget and Amendment, thereto. Seven additional spaces (2 civ and 5 off) are included in the FY 83 FMRP and stand a good chance of being approved. ACBI message of 11 Feb 81 (TAB A) formally transferred GRILL FLAME program management responsibility to INSCOM.

DISCUSSION:

a. The approved spaces are in the operational Overt HUMINT PE. They can not be assigned to HQ INSCOM, an AMEA account. USAOG is the Overt HUMINT operational element in CONUS and is the most suitable unit to eventually conduct the activity. However, the limited manpower approved to date is insufficient to accomplish the mission. In order to continue operations at the current level, personnel augmentation by outside elements must continue, at least until receipt of the additional seven spaces (total of 12) in FY 83.

b. USAOG has submitted TDA changes (TAB B) which will create an element, Det G, (See reverse)

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USAOG (b)(6) 11 Sep 81
ADCSOPS-HUMINT

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to conduct Project GRILL FLAME activity effective beginning FY 82 with the initial five spaces authorized. ADCSOPS-HUMINT clerical civilians assigned to the Project will be transferred effective 1 Oct 81. The three authorized military spaces will be used to cover some of the augmentation previously drawn from other INSCOM operational units. ADCSOPS-HUMINT will continue to provide the O-5 Chief during the interim and will retain OPCON at least until Det G has its own manpower and operational procedures are well established. Under this arrangement, BDR, USAOG needs written guidance (an LOI) on his role and responsibilities.

c. With the establishment of Det G, ADCSOPS-HUMINT will dissolve its "Special Actions Branch", created in 1979 specifically as a vehicle for this project.

WHAT THIS ACTION WILL ACCOMPLISH: DCO-I approval and signing of the LOI will reduce the ad hoc nature of GRILL FLAME activity effective 1 Oct 81 by implementing the first phase of its transfer to USAOG.

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INFO SSO MEADE FOR (b)(6) ADCSOPNS/HUMINT ONLY.

FROM MC E. P. THOMPSON, ACSS, DA WASH DC.

SUBJECT: GRILL FLAME (U)

A. COORDINATION BETWEEN (b)(6) DAMI-ISH AND (b)(6) ADCSOPNS/
HUMINT. (U)

1. (C/NOFORN) EFFECTIVE 14 JAN 81, BY APPROVAL OF UNDER SECRETARY
OF ARMY, INSCOM IS NOW THE ONLY ACTIVE OPERATIONAL GRILL FLAME (GF)
ELEMENT IN ARMY. IN ORDER TO ENSURE A CONTINUED EFFECTIVE GF PROJECT
THAT ALLOWS MAXIMUM RESPONSIBILITY/AUTHORITY TO INSCOM, HUMAN
AGREEMENT FOR GF IS TRANSFERRED FROM DCS-DA TO INSCOM EFFECTIVE
THIS DATE. OACSI, DAMI-ISH WILL CONTINUE TO CLOSELY MONITOR GF,
AND REMAIN THE ARMY FOCAL POINT FOR POLICY MATTERS, AND WHEN RE-
QUIRED INTERFACE AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL. THE ACSS WILL CONTINUE TO BE
INFORMED OF SIGNIFICANT GF ACTIONS/DEVELOPMENTS AS SECURED.

2. (U/A) RECOMMEND INSCOM GF ELEMENT CONTINUE TO ENSURE ALL LEGAL/
MEDICAL HUMAN USE ISSUES ARE MET PRIOR TO CONDUCT OF ANY NEW GF INI-
TIATIVES. FURTHER REQUEST CONTINUED CLOSE COORDINATION BETWEEN
DAMI-ISH AND GF PROJECT OFFICER. REVW ON 31 MAY 81.

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DCE-I, 23 Feb 81,
in fact sheet form,
the plan's for K. 1981

Proposed change to USAOG TDA ASW 319AA*

Detachment G (GRILL FLAME)
Paragraph 009

<u>PARA</u> <u>LINE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>GR</u>	<u>MOS</u>	<u>ASI/LIC</u>	<u>BR ID</u>	<u>AMS</u>	<u>REQ</u>	<u>AUTH</u>
009 01	Chief	05	36B35		MI	381321	1	0
009 02	Intel Tng Off	04	36B35		MI	381321	1	1
009 03	Intel Coll Sec Ch	04	36B35		MI	381321	2	1
009 04	Project Off	03	36B35		MI	381321	5	0
009 05	Intel Tng Sgt	E7	96C40		NC	381321	1	1
009 06	Intel Opns Off	13	00132		GS	381321	1	1
009 07	Intel Opns (Rqmts)	12	00132		GS	381321	1	0
009 08	Admin Assistant	07	00341		GS	381321	1	0
009 09	Secy-steno	06	00318		GS	381321	1	1
009 10	Clk-typo	04	00322		GS	381321	2	0
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SUBJECT: Letter of Instructions - Project GRILL FLAME (U)

Commander
US Army Operational Group
Fort George G. Meade, MD 20755

1. (U) Purpose: This LOI establishes interim policy and direction for the administrative, logistical and operational management of the US Army Intelligence and Security Command (USAINSCOM) portion of DoD Project GRILL FLAME upon the project's transfer to the TDA of the US Army Operational Group (USAOG) (W319AAA) under project designation of Detachment G, USAOG. This LOI further delineates the relationship between the Commander, USAOG, and Commander, Det G, and structures the operational control and reporting channels to be utilized.

2. (U) General: Army Project GRILL FLAME originated as a specially controlled and compartmented activity under the direct supervision of the Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence (ACSI), DA, and in coordination with other DoD agencies concerned with related activity. For operational and staffing considerations, the activity was transferred to HQ, USAINSCOM, where it was conducted on an ad hoc basis. Initial manpower authorizations for this activity will be received effective 1 Oct 1981 (FY 82). Additional manpower has been requested for FY 83.

3. (U) Mission and Functions: The mission and functions of Det G are highly compartmented. Access is limited to those personnel approved on a "by name" basis. The Commander, USAOG is the only USAOG member, outside Det G, granted full access and knowledge of the project. The nature and function of Det G's activities must be protected to the maximum degree from unauthorized disclosure to other USAOG personnel and/or other unauthorized personnel.

4. (U) Administration and Personnel:

a. (U) Commander, USAOG, will execute the TDA additions authorized for Project GRILL FLAME, designating them Det G, USAOG, in the form recommended by the Commander, Det G, and the ADCSOPS-PERMIT, USAINSCOM. Additional authorizations proposed for future years will be added to the USAOG TDA in the same manner. Changes of MOS, grade, etc., for these spaces may be required more often than in a conventional military unit and will be processed by Commander, USAOG, as recommended by the Commander, Det G, and the ADCSOPS-PERMIT, USAINSCOM.

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b. (U) Personnel assigned to Det G, USAOG will receive support from USAOG for administration (COMACT/MAILPO and F&AO) and logistics, except as specified below.

(1) (U) Operational funding will be programmed by the Commander, Det G and the ADCSOPS-HUMINT, USAINSCOM with the approval of the ACSI, DA. Funds will then be budgeted and provided to Det G under a separate Det G account by direct coordination between the USAINSCOM DCSRI (FGGM) and Det G, IAW existing procedures.

(2) (U) Efficiency reports will be rendered through the OPCOM chain of command through the ADCSOPS-HUMINT, with optional letter input by the Commander, USAOG.

(3) (U) USAOG will not requisition military personnel against Det G authorizations unless/until specifically requested by Commander, Det G. Personnel fill will be the result of direct personnel screening and recruitment by Det G.

(4) (U) Civilian personnel actions will be submitted by Commander, Det G through Commander, USAOG.

(5) (U) Military training of Det G personnel will be IAW USAOG SOP.

(6) (U) TDY and leave approval authorities will be IAW USAOG SOP.

(7) (U) Det G personnel will not be placed on HQ, USAOG duty rosters nor assigned to HQ, USAOG duty details.

(8) (U) SI/SAO billets for Det G will be coordinated with the SSi (FGGM) by Security Manager, USAOG.

5. (U) Operations:

a. (U) Operational control will initially be exercised by the DCSOPS (ADCSOPS-HUMINT) for the CG, USAINSCOM. OPCOM will be transferred to Commander, USAOG, when directed by the DCG-I, USAINSCOM.

b. (U) All operational support will be provided through OPCOM channels.

c. (U) Operations will be conducted in strict accord with the guidelines established by the ACSI, DA for Project GRILL FLAME.

d. (U) All operations related reports generated by Det G will be forwarded through the OPCOM chain only.

e. (U) This operation is highly compartmented and stringently protected from all without an absolute need-to-know, as authorized by the ACSI, DA and designated representatives. It is extremely sensitive and will be protected accordingly.

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6. (U) Logistics:

a. (U) Logistical support will be provided through USAOG, except as specified below.

b. (U) No support will be rendered in such a manner as to make the mission and functions of Det G accessible to USAOG personnel not authorized complete access to such information.

c. (U) Long distance telephone billings will be handled directly by Commander, Det G.

d. (U) Hand receipt/property accounts for Det G real property and intelligence property will be held directly by Commander, Det G.

e. (U) Transportation support will be provided by USAOG.

7. (U) This LOI is effective 1 Oct 1981. It will be reviewed annually prior to the anniversary of that date. Revisions may be made by mutual agreement of Commander, USAOG and DCSOPS/ADCSOPS-HUMINT, USAINSCOM.

THOMAS J. FLYNN
Brigadier General, USA
Deputy Commander, Intelligence

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