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June 27, 2001

Mr. John Greenewald, Jr.  
[REDACTED]

Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request No. 2001-005317AL

Dear Mr. Greenwald:

On June 5, 2001, I contacted you by telephone and discussed the fees for search, review, and duplication of documents pertaining to your May 9, 2001, request for UFO sightings in or around Alaska between 1981 and 1988. We have determined that you would be considered a commercial requester and would be charged for all search, review, and duplication of the records. I advised you that approximately 107 pages of documents could be made available to you outside of the FOIA without fees. These documents do not include radar tracking data and simulated radar data for JL1628. It was agreed that you would withdraw your request by either fax (907-271-2800) or E-Mail ([jean.Mahoney@faa.gov](mailto:jean.Mahoney@faa.gov)), and I would forward the 107 pages to you on receipt of your withdrawal.

As of this date, I have not received your withdrawal. If I have not heard from you by July 12, 2001, we will consider your request cancelled. In addition, all documents pertaining to this UFO citing will be destroyed in 30 days from the date of this letter.

Sincerely,

Jean R. Mahoney  
FAA Alaskan Region FOIA Coordinator



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AUG 26 2009

Mr. John Greenwald, Jr.  
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Dear Mr. Greenwald:

Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request No. 2009-006061AL

This is in response to your request of July 28, 2009, under FOIA for a copy of the responsive documents pertaining to the November 17, 1986, UFO sighting involving flight JL 1628.

The records you requested were destroyed in accordance with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Order 1350.15C, therefore, we have determined that the FAA Alaskan Region has no records responsive to your request.

The name and title of each person responsible for the above-described determination that the FAA Alaskan Region has no records responsive to your request are:

Robert N. Lewis, Regional Administrator  
FAA, Alaskan Region

Terry L. Saldana, Executive Operations Manager  
FAA, Alaskan Region

You may request reconsideration of this determination by writing to the Assistant Administrator for Regions and Center Operations, ARC-1, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20591. Your request must be made in writing within 30 days from the date of receipt of this letter and must include all information and arguments relied upon. Your letter must state that it is an appeal from the above-described determination. The envelope containing the appeal should be marked "FOIA."

If a Bill for Collection for fees is enclosed, please follow the instructions provided on the bill. If no Bill for Collection is enclosed, there is no fee or the fee is below the minimum chargeable.

Your request has been assigned FOIA No. 2009-006061AL, which should be referred to in any further correspondence concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert N. Lewis  
Regional Administrator



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CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. John Greenewald, Jr.  
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Dear Mr. Greenewald:

Subject: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request 2009-006061WS

This is a Northwest Mountain Region, Air Traffic Organization (ATO), Western Service Area, partial no-records response to your FOIA request of July 28, 2009, made under the provisions of Title 5 United States Code, Section 552. You requested a copy of records regarding "a UFO sighting involving Flight JL 1628 on November 17, 1986" and your previous FOIA request numbered 2001-005317AL. Your request was also assigned to the Alaskan Region for a separate response concerning the previous FOIA request.

A search for records was conducted at the Anchorage Air Route Traffic Control Center, the Anchorage Airport Traffic Control Tower, the Anchorage Terminal Radar Approach Control facility, and the Alaska Flight Services Information Area Group on August 4, 2009. The search revealed no records, documents, or files pertaining to your specific request.

To the extent any records existed, they have been destroyed in accordance with Federal Aviation Administration Order 1350.15C, Records Organization, Transfer and Destruction Standards.

We are enclosing two pages of a document entitled "ASIAS Brief Report." ASIAS is an acronym for Aviation Safety Information Analysis and Sharing. This document was located in the Western Service Center's electronic files. This is the only responsive document located.

Under Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations 7.42(i), Payment of Fees, there are no fees associated with this request because the cost of processing it is less than \$10.00. For this reason, we are not addressing your request for fee waiver.

We are sorry but we are unable to provide the records to you electronically. We must provide a final letter, along with any responsive materials by certified mail.

The undersigned and J. Mark Reeves, Director, ATO, Western Service Center, are responsible for this partial no-records response to your request. You may request reconsideration of this determination by writing to the Assistant Administrator for Regions and Center Operations, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20591. Your request for reconsideration must be made in writing within 30 days from the date of this letter, state that it is an appeal from an adverse determination made under FOIA, and include all information and arguments relied upon. Please include your assigned FOIA control number and mark the envelope "FOIA."

If you have questions, please contact Barbara January, FOIA Officer, ATO, Western Service Area, at (425) 203-4199.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Kathryn M. Vernon', written over a horizontal line.

Kathryn M. Vernon  
Regional Administrator  
Northwest Mountain Region

Enclosure

## ASIAS BRIEF REPORT

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### GENERAL INFORMATION

Data Source:	ACCIDENT AND INCIDENT DATABASE
Report Number:	19861117085409C
Local Date:	17-NOV-86
Local Time:	
City:	FORT YUKON
State:	AK
Airport Name:	FORT YUKON
Event Type:	INCIDENT - AIR CARRIER
Mid Air Collision:	NOT A MIDAIR

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### AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Aircraft Damage:	NONE
Aircraft Make:	BOEING
Aircraft Model:	747
Aircraft Series:	200F
Airframe Hrs:	0
Operator:	JAPAN AIRLINES INTERNATIONAL CO LTD

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### NARRATIVE

UNIDENTIFIED TRAFFIC NOTED ON RADAR BY CREW AND ATC FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME.

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### Detail

Primary Flight Type:	SCHEDULED AIR CARRIER
Secondary Flight Type:	CARGO
Type of Operation:	FOREIGN AIR CARRIER
Registration Nbr:	NR602
Total Aboard:	0
Fatalities:	0
Injuries:	0
Landing Gear:	RETRACT TRICYCLE
Aircraft Weight Class:	OVER 12500 LBS
Engine Make:	
Engine Model:	

Engine Group:  
Number of Engines: 4  
Engine Type:

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**Environmental/Operations Info**

Primary Flight Conditions:	UNKNOWN
Secondary Flight Conditions:	WEATHER NOT A FACTOR
Wind Direction(deg):	
Wind Speed(mph):	
Visibility(mi.):	
Visibility Restrictions:	
Light Condition:	NIGHT
Flight Plan Filed:	INSTRUMENT FLIGHT RULES
Approach Type:	VISUAL

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**Pilot In Command**

Pilot Certificates:	AIRLINE TRANSPORT
Pilot Rating:	AIRPLANE SINGLE, MULTI-ENG
Pilot Qualification:	QUALIFIED
Flight Time Total Hours:	0
Total in Make/Model:	0
Total in Last 90 days:	0
Total in last 90 days Make/Model:	0

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**END REPORT**