

This is Phil Arnott for community comment on K INS radio

for the several years that I have been giving my community comment I have always tried to stay away from politics but after reading a recent article about spying and unmasking names I have decided to discuss that article in detail.

For four years I have subscribed to judicial watch and its publication called the verdict. In its most recent issue for September of this year an article was published about the Obama spying and unmasking records being removed and sent to the Obama library.

Judicial watch sent a freedom of information request to the national Security Council and was informed by them that any material regarding the unmasking by Obama's national security advisor Susan Rice cannot be turned over to them as the records have been removed to the Obama library where they will remain unavailable to the public for the next five years.

The national Security Council also informed judicial watch that it would not turn over any communications with any intelligence community member or agency concerning the alleged Russian involvement in the 2016 presidential election, the hacking of the DNC computers or any suspected communications between Russia and the Trump campaign. The national Security Council told judicial watch that documents from the Obama administration have been transferred to the Barack Obama presidential library. You may send your request to the Obama library, however you should be aware that under the presidential records act presidential records remain closed to the public for five years after an administration has left office.

Judicial watch has filed over a dozen freedom of information act lawsuits related to the surveillance unmasking and illegal leaking targeting Pres. Trump and his associates. According to judicial watch prosecutors, Congress and the public will want to know when the national security council shipped off the records about potential intelligence abuses by Susan Rice and others in the Obama White House into the memory hole of the Obama presidential library. Pres. Tom Fitton said we are considering our legal options but we hope that the special counsel in Congress also consider their options and get those records.

Judicial watch has sought this information because of recent revelations of the role of Susan Rice in the unmasking of the names of US citizens identified in the course of intelligence collection activities and the potential that her actions contributed to the unauthorized disclosure of classified national security information and those are matters of great public interest.

I leave you with a point to ponder. Our government is a government of the people by the people and for the people and for that reason alone the information sought by judicial watch should be available not only to them but to us citizens as well.

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