

# THE NATIONAL SECURITY ARCHIVE FUND, INC. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

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Independent Auditors' Report

The Board of Directors The National Security Archive Fund, Inc. Washington, DC

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The National Security Archive Fund, Inc., which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related statements of activities and changes in net assets, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. This includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditors consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The National Security Archive Fund, Inc. as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the changes in its net assets and cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Fairfax, Virginia November 1, 2016



# STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

# **DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014**

	2015			2014
ASSETS				
CURRENT ASSETS  Cash and cash equivalents Foundation grants receivable, short term - unrestricted Foundation grants receivable, short term - restricted Royalties due from co-publishers Other receivables Prepaid expenses	\$	1,334,110 250,000 1,252,500 134,959 923 56,755	\$	2,409,884 500,000 625,500 202,833 923 48,298
Total Current Assets	\$	3,029,247	\$	3,787,438
NON-CURRENT ASSETS  Foundation grants receivable, long term - unrestricted, net Foundation grants receivable, long term - restricted, net Property, plant, and equipment, net	\$	500,500 6,828	\$	235,000 - 37,522
Total Non-Current Assets	\$	507,328	\$	272,522
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	3,536,575	\$	4,059,960
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS				
CURRENT LIABILITIES Accounts payable Accrued expenses	\$	5,489 14,000	\$	9,631 14,000
Total Current Liabilities	\$	19,489	\$	23,631
NET ASSETS Unrestricted Temporarily restricted	\$	1,319,014 2,198,072	\$	2,202,092 1,834,237
Total Net Assets  TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$</u> \$	3,517,086 3,536,575	<u>\$</u> \$	4,036,329 4,059,960
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# STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

(With comparative totals for the year ended December 31, 2014)

	Unrestricted		Temporarily Restricted		2015 Total		 2014 Total
REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT Gifts from individuals	\$	3,020	\$	13,100	\$	16,120	\$ 30,940
Grants from foundations: Received in the current year Receivable in future years, net of discount Royalties, honoraria, and sale of materials Net assets released from restriction		85,000 15,000 551,930 1,647,378	- <u>-</u>	671,000 1,753,000 - (1,647,378)	·	756,000 1,768,000 551,930	 948,649 23,500 480,349
Total Revenue and Other Support	\$	2,302,328	\$	789,722	\$	3,092,050	\$ 1,483,438
EXPENSES							
Program expenses Supporting services:	\$	2,846,476	\$		\$	2,846,476	\$ 2,779,821
Management and general Fund raising	\$	277,328 61,602	\$	- -	\$	277,328 61,602	\$ 264,883 60,736
Total Supporting Services	\$	338,930	\$		\$	338,930	\$ 325,619
Total Expenses	\$	3,185,406	\$	-	\$	3,185,406	\$ 3,105,440
NON-RECURRING CHARGES							
Contribution of CNSS to Center for American Progress				425,887		425,887	 
TOTAL EXPENSES AND							
NON-RECURRING CHARGES	\$	3,185,406	\$	425,887	\$	3,611,293	\$ 3,105,440
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$	(883,078)	\$	363,835	\$	(519,243)	\$ (1,622,002)
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR		2,202,092		1,834,237		4,036,329	5,658,331
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$	1,319,014	\$	2,198,072	\$	3,517,086	\$ 4,036,329

# STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Unrestricted		Temporarily Restricted			2014 Total
REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT						
Gifts from individuals	\$	5,940	\$	25,000	\$	30,940
Grants from foundations:  Received in the current year		83,149		865,500		948,649
Receivable in future years, net of discount Royalties, honoraria, and sale of materials		- 480,349		23,500		23,500 480,349
Net assets released from restriction		1,512,587		(1,512,587)		-
Total Revenue and Other Support	\$	2,082,025	\$	(598,587)	\$	1,483,438
EXPENSES						
Program expenses	\$	2,779,821	\$		\$	2,779,821
Supporting services:  Management and general	\$	264,883	\$		\$	264,883
Fund raising	Ψ	60,736	Ψ	<u> </u>	Ψ	60,736
Total Supporting Services	\$	325,619	\$		\$	325,619
Total Expenses	\$	3,105,440	\$		\$	3,105,440
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$	(1,023,415)	\$	(598,587)	\$	(1,622,002)
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR		3,225,507		2,432,824		5,658,331
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$	2,202,092	\$	1,834,237	\$	4,036,329

# STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

(With comparative totals for the year ended December 31, 2014)

		Má	anagement			
			and	Fund	2015	2014
	Program		General	 Raising	Total	Total
EXPENSE						
Staff salaries	\$ 1,817,061	\$	167,500	\$ 42,500	\$ 2,027,061	\$ 1,997,100
Staff benefits and insurance	663,501		58,768	12,279	734,548	685,073
Professional fees, consultants, and honoraria	128,248		14,000	660	142,908	134,711
Rent, document storage, and parking	90,666		3,324	-	93,990	98,386
Travel, meetings, and conferences	70,446		3,260	1 <i>,77</i> 1	75,477	57,474
Depreciation and amortization	30,694		-	-	30,694	42,175
Computer equipment, supplies, and services	24,884		7,826	-	32,710	35,370
Office equipment, supplies, and services	19,378		3,156	94	22,628	26,820
Telephone equipment and services	16,903		-	-	16,903	18,878
Books, subscriptions, directories, and dues	5,754		-	-	5,754	5,746
Printing and publications	2,317		-	-	2,317	3,326
Postage	270		146	-	416	381
Allocation of supporting services	(23,646)		19,348	 4,298	 _	 
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 2,846,476	\$	277,328	\$ 61,602	\$ 3,185,406	\$ 3,105,440

# STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Management					
		and	Fund	2014		
	Program	General	Raising	Total		
EXPENSE						
Staff salaries	\$ 1,787,100	\$ 167,500	\$ 42,500	\$ 1,997,100		
Staff benefits and insurance	620,572	52,896	11,605	685,073		
Professional fees, consultants, and honoraria	123,725	10,986	-	134,711		
Rent, document storage, and parking	95,086	3,300	-	98,386		
Travel, meetings, and conferences	53,344	1,853	2,277	57,474		
Depreciation and amortization	42,175	-	-	42,175		
Computer equipment, supplies, and services	27,754	7,616	-	35,370		
Office equipment, supplies, and services	24,829	1,874	11 <i>7</i>	26,820		
Telephone equipment and services	18,878	-	-	18,878		
Books, subscriptions, directories, and dues	5,746	-	-	5,746		
Printing and publications	3,081	245	-	3,326		
Postage	248	133	-	381		
Allocation of supporting services	(22,717)	18,480	4,237			
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 2,779,821	\$ 264,883	\$ 60,736	\$ 3,105,440		

# STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

# FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

	2015			2014
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Change in net assets	\$	(519,243)	\$	(1,622,002)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash	Ψ	(313,213)	Ψ	(1,022,002)
used in operating activities:				
Depreciation and amortization	\$	30,694	\$	42,175
(Increase) Decrease In:	•	/	•	, -
Foundation grants receivable		(642,500)		1,424,500
Individual gifts receivable		-		25,000
Royalties due from co-publishers		67,874		(48,866)
Other receivables		-		(775)
Prepaid expenses		(8,457)		(1,020)
(Decrease) In:				
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		(4,142)		(30,086)
Total adjustments	\$	(556,531)	\$	1,410,928
Net Cash Used in Operating Activities	\$	(1,075,774)	\$	(211,074)
DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$	(1,075,774)	\$	(211,074)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS,				
BEGINNING OF YEAR		2,409,884		2,620,958
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS,				
END OF YEAR	\$	1,334,110	\$	2,409,884

There were no non-cash investing or financing activities for the years ended December 31, 2015 or 2014.

## **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

## **DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014**

# Note 1. Organization and Nature of Activities

The National Security Archive Fund, Inc. (the NSAF) is a District of Columbia non-profit corporation. Since July 1, 1999 the NSAF has been the corporate base for the National Security Archive (the Archive). From January 1, 2000 through October 31, 2015 it was also the corporate base for the Center for National Security Studies (the CNSS); as of November 1, 2015 the activities and assets of the CNSS were transferred to another non-profit corporation, the Center for American Progress (Note 8).

The Archive was founded in 1985 to collect, analyze, and publish unclassified and declassified documents bearing upon U.S. foreign policy and related topics in international affairs. Its published collections of documents are used by the students and faculty of colleges and universities in the U.S. and abroad, and by journalists, researchers, and non-governmental organizations throughout the world. It also undertakes research projects and conferences to facilitate the study and open discussion of world events and trends.

The CNSS was founded in 1973 to conduct programs addressing the relationship between civil liberties and measures undertaken to protect national security. The CNSS's operations were located in the Washington, DC office of the Open Society Institute from 2002 until its staff's relocation to the offices of the Center for American Progress.

Since 1995 the Archive has been located in the Gelman Library at The George Washington University (GWU) in Washington, DC. Although the Archive and GWU are separate legal entities, the Archive provides many materials and services to GWU students and faculty (including direct access to Archive document collections; research-assistant positions and internships for GWU students; assistance in the use of the U.S. Freedom of Information Act in scholarly research; and participation in frequent collaborative activities including seminars, conferences, and research projects) and receives access to various GWU facilities (including office space and telephone services; information-technology equipment and support; university library, on-campus parking, and athletic facilities; participation in the services of the Washington Research Library Consortium; and advice and assistance from GWU faculty in the formulation and undertaking of Archive research projects). The services and opportunities GWU and the Archive provide each other are significant and mutually beneficial, including many intangible elements. Where appropriate, the fair value of the services provided and received is reflected in the NSAF's financial statements.

## Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

## **Basis of Accounting**

The accompanying financial statements of the NSAF have been prepared on the accrual basis, which conforms to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

## **DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014**

## Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### **Basis of Presentation**

The NSAF follows Accounting Standards Codification Topic 958, *Not-for-Profit Entities* (FASB ASC 958). FASB ASC 958 specifies that financial statements provided by not-for-profit organizations include statements of financial position, statements of activities, and statements of cash flows. FASB ASC 958 further provides that net assets be classified as unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. However, the NSAF does not currently hold permanently restricted net assets.

The NSAF's net assets have been grouped into the following two classes:

**Unrestricted net assets** – Unrestricted net assets represent resources that are not restricted, either temporarily or permanently, by donor-imposed stipulations. They are available for support of all organizational operations and services.

**Temporarily Restricted net assets** – Temporarily restricted net assets represent contributions and other inflows of assets whose use is limited by donor-imposed stipulations. These restrictions are temporary in that they expire either by the passage of time or by the fulfillment of certain actions of the NSAF pursuant to those stipulations. When the time period restriction is met, or the specific purpose is attained, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

## **Management Estimates and Uncertainties**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

## Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of highly liquid bank accounts. At December 31, 2015 and 2014, the NSAF's cash and cash equivalents were held by one bank; the balance on deposit at times may exceed the amount insured by federal agencies. The NSAF does not believe that, as a result of this concentration, it is subject to any unusual financial risk beyond the normal risk associated with commercial banking relationships.

#### **Grants Receivable**

The NSAF accounts for grants and contributions under FASB ASC 958, which requires the NSAF to record a receivable to reflect the promises of donors to make future grants. Under Accounting Standards Codification Topic 820, Fair Value Measurement (FASB ASC 820), grants receivable are initially recorded at fair value and are discounted to their net present value using an appropriate market rate.

## **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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# Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Concluded)

#### Property, Plant, and Equipment and Depreciation

Property, plant, and equipment are recorded at cost at the date of purchase or fair market value at the date of donation. Acquisitions greater than \$1,000 of property and equipment are capitalized. Computer and office equipment are depreciated using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives of five years. Leasehold improvements are amortized using the straight-line method over the shorter of the estimated lives of the assets or the remaining life of the lease.

#### **Revenue Recognition**

Foundation grants to the NSAF, whether restricted or unrestricted, are recorded as revenue when committed by the grantors. Unconditional promises to give that are expected to be collected in future years are recorded at the present value of the amounts expected to be collected based on a market rate of return.

Royalties due to the NSAF from publishers are recorded as revenue in the periods in which they are earned from the sale of publications or subscriptions.

## **Income Taxes**

The NSAF is exempt from federal and state income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and the applicable state income tax regulations, except for taxes on unrelated business income. Because the NSAF had no unrelated business income for the years ended December 31, 2015 or 2014, no provision for income taxes has been made in the accompanying financial statements.

FASB ASC 740, *Income Taxes* prescribes a model for how an entity should recognize, measure, present, and disclose in its financial statements uncertain tax positions that the entity has taken or expects to take on a tax return. FASB ASC 740 requires an entity to recognize the benefit of tax positions when it is "more likely than not" that the provision will be sustainable based on the merits of the position taken by an entity. The NSAF has analyzed its tax positions, and has concluded that no liability should be recorded related to any uncertain tax positions. The NSAF is not aware of any tax positions that it believes will change materially in the next twelve months. If this position changes, the NSAF will assess the impact of any such matters on its financial position and results of operations.

#### **Grantees and Indemnifications**

The NSAF may enter into service agreements with service providers in which it agrees to indemnify the service provider against certain losses and liabilities arising from the service provider's performance under the agreement. Generally, such indemnification obligations do not apply in situations in which the service provider is grossly negligent, engages in willful misconduct, or acts in bad faith. The NSAF is not aware of any liability under such service agreements for the years ended December 31, 2015 or 2014.

## **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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## Note 3. Defined Contribution Retirement Plan

In April 2002, the NSAF established a defined-contribution retirement plan for its employees under Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code. All non-temporary employees may make contributions to accounts under the plan on a pre-tax basis, subject to the maximums provided by law. In cases in which employees who are at least 21 years of age and who have been employed by the NSAF for at least two years without a break in service contribute five percent or more of their salaries, the NSAF makes contributions to their retirement accounts established under the plan equal to ten percent of their salaries. The NSAF's contributions to employees' accounts under the plan totaled \$194,577 and \$165,050 for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014.

#### Note 4. Commitments

Under the terms of a license agreement, the NSAF pays GWU \$50,000 a year for office space and certain related facilities and services. The agreement, which commenced in January 1995, runs in automatically renewable five-year periods and is cancelable upon nine months' notice by either party.

The NSAF leases office equipment from commercial suppliers under non-cancelable leases; future gross minimum annual rental payments to be paid under these leases as of December 31, 2015 totaled \$20,475 (payable during 2016 through 2018).

Rent expense under the lease agreements for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 totaled \$7,020 and \$8,932.

## Note 5. Foundation Grants Receivable

As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, the NSAF held the following multi-year grant commitments:

		2015	2014
Grants receivable	\$	2,015,000	\$ 1,375,500
Less discount		(12,000)	(15,000)
Less current portion		(1,502,500)	 (1,125,500)
Net Grants Receivable, long term	<u>\$</u>	500,500	\$ 235,000

The anticipated collections of the grants receivable based upon the stated payment terms are as follows:

Year Ending		
December 31,		
2016	\$	1,502,500
2017		512,500
	<u>\$</u>	2,015,000

## **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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# Note 6. Property, Plant, and Equipment

As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, property, plant, and equipment consisted of the following:

		2015	 2014
Leasehold improvements	\$	181,824	\$ 181,824
Computer and office equipment		169,792	 171,628
	\$	351,616	\$ 353,452
Accumulated depreciation and amortization		(344,788)	 (315,930)
	<u>\$</u>	6,828	\$ 37,522

Depreciation and amortization expense was \$30,694 and \$42,175 for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014.

# Note 7. Composition of Temporarily Restricted Net Assets

As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, the NSAF held temporarily restricted net assets for the following purposes:

	2015	2014
Latin America Programs	\$ 11,332	\$ 104,148
U.SRussia Relations and Nuclear Weapons		
Policy Programs	1,238,000	616,553
Freedom of Information Law Programs: United States	513,333	234,000
Freedom of Information Law Programs: International	7,990	20,140
Cyber Security Program	371,435	-
Broadly-based Human Rights Programs	55,982	150,000
Smith Bagley Research Center	-	22,500
Center for National Security Studies	 	 686,896
	\$ 2,198,072	\$ 1,834,237

Temporarily restricted net assets were released from restriction for the following purposes during the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014:

		2015	2014
Latin America Programs	\$	138,816	\$ 244,180
U.SRussia Relations and Nuclear Weapons			
Policy Programs		616,553	538,447
Freedom of Information Law Programs: United States		350,667	348,108
Freedom of Information Law Programs: International		12,150	25,927
Cyber Security Program		128,565	-
Broadly-based Human Rights Programs		107,118	-
Smith Bagley Research Center (current year's amortization)	)	22,500	30,000
Center for National Security Studies		271,009	325,925
	\$	1,647,378	\$ 1,512,587

## **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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# Note 8. Transfer of the CNSS to the Center for American Progress

At November 1, 2015, the Center for National Security Studies, a program of the NSAF until this date, was combined with a similar project of the Center for American Progress (the CAP), a Section 501(c)(3) organization, with the joint project to operate as a division of the CAP. Unexpended grants and contributions totaling \$425,887 restricted by donors for general support of the CNSS and held in the accounts of the NSAF at October 31, 2015 were, by action of the Board of Directors of the NSAF, transferred to the CAP for support of the new joint project.

# Note 9. Subsequent Events

The NSAF has performed an evaluation of subsequent events through November 1, 2016, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued, noting no event that affects the financial statements as of December 31, 2015.