

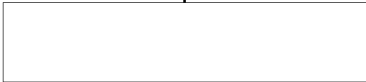
Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D.C. 20505

7 July 2014

Mr. Jason Leopold



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Reference: F-2014-01935

Dear Mr. Leopold:

On 2 July 2014, the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator received your 1 July 2014 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for **disclosure of any and all leak investigation referrals the CIA has made to the Department of Justice between January 1, 2009 and the date the search for responsive records begins and all records that refer to these leak investigation referrals.** We have assigned your request the reference number above. Please use this number when corresponding so that we can identify it easily.

You have requested expedited processing. We handle all requests in the order we receive them; that is, "first-in, first-out." We make exceptions to this rule only when a requester establishes a compelling need in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended. Your request does not demonstrate a "compelling need" and, therefore, we deny your request for expedited processing.

The CIA Information Act, 50 U.S.C. § 431, as amended, exempts CIA operational files from the search, review, publication, and disclosure requirements of the FOIA. To the extent your request seeks information that is subject to the FOIA, we accept your request, and we will process it in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended. Unless you object, we will limit our search to CIA-originated records up to and including the date the Agency starts its search. We have reviewed your request for a fee waiver and determined that it meets the standard. Therefore, we will charge no fees associated with processing your request.

The large number of FOIA requests CIA receives has created unavoidable delays making it unlikely that we can respond within the 20 working days the FOIA requires. You have the right to consider our honest appraisal as a denial of your request and you may appeal to the Agency Release Panel. A more practical approach would permit us to continue processing your request and respond to you as soon as we can. You will retain your appeal rights and, once you receive the results of our search, can appeal at that time if you wish. We will proceed on that basis unless you object.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michele Meeks".

Michele Meeks
Information and Privacy Coordinator