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Mr. Jason Leopold

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Dear Mr. Leopold:

This is follow-up to our 20 March 2014 letter concerning your 17 March 2014 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for all draft and final talking points and guidance the Central Intelligence Agency prepared for any of its media representatives and agency officials, including DCI John Brennan to address the issues surrounding the Senate Select Committee Intelligence report on the CIA's rendition, detention and interrogation program. We have assigned your request the reference number above. Please use this number when corresponding so that we can identify it easily.

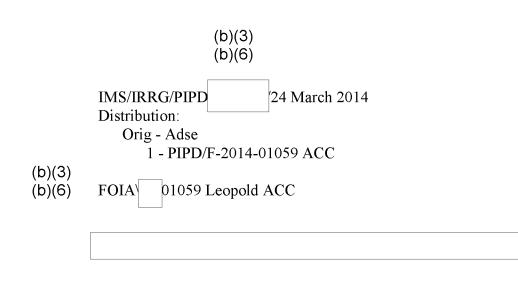
The CIA Information Act, 50 U.S.C. § 431, as amended, exempts CIA operational files from the search, review, publication, and disclosure requirements of the FOIA. To the extent your request seeks information that is subject to the FOIA, we accept your request, and we will process it in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended. We will search for records up to and including the date the Agency starts its search. In accordance with our regulations, as a matter of administrative discretion, the Agency has waived the fees for this 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,

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