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Mr. John Kirsch
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Dear Mr. Kirsch:

This is a final response to your 23 November 2014 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received in the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator on 2 December 2014, for records on Mary Elizabeth McHughes Ferrell. Specifically, you are requesting records indicating whether Mary Elizabeth McHughes Ferrell had ever been a CIA employee or had any other type of affiliation with the CIA. You are also requesting information or records of communications between Mary Elizabeth McHughes Ferrell and the CIA, including but not limited to records requests that Mary Elizabeth McHughes Ferrell made to the CIA. You also ask that we search the CIA FOIA logs for FOIA requests submitted by Ferrell covering the timeframe from 1 January 1963 to 20 February 2004.

With respect to the portion of your request for records pertaining to Mary Elizabeth McHughes Ferrell, regarding her employment or any other type of affiliation, our records show that we received an earlier request for records on the same subject as yours. A search was conducted for records that would reveal an openly acknowledged Agency affiliation, and we did not locate any records.

With respect to any other records, in accordance with section 3.6(a) of Executive Order 13526, the CIA can neither confirm nor deny the existence or nonexistence of records responsive to your request. The fact of the existence or nonexistence of requested records is currently and properly classified and is intelligence sources and methods information that is protected from disclosure by section 6 of the CIA Act of 1949, as amended, and section 102A(i)(1) of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended. Since the information in question was requested within the past two years, it is not subject for consideration as set forth at 1900.42 c of Title 32 of the Code of Federal Regulations. In view of this, the information is not subject for a consideration until 15 November 2016.

Regarding the portion of your request pertaining to any requests submitted by Mary Elizabeth McHughes Ferrell under the FOIA between the dates above, we conducted a search of our database, and we have no record of having received any FOIA requests from her.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JG', with a horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the signature.

John Giuffrida
Acting Information and Privacy Coordinator