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Mr. Jason Leopold

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Dear Mr. Leopold:

On 10 March 2014, the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator received your 8 March 2014 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for any and all records that were prepared, received, transmitted, collected and/or maintained by Peter Clement in his capacity as the head of a Director's Review Group for Rendition, Detention, and Interrogation set up by former Director of Central Intelligence Leon Panetta as announced in a CIA press release in March 2009. Moreover, [you] seek any and all records that were prepared, received, transmitted, collected and/or maintained by Warren Rudman in his capacity as a special adviser to this same review group. The time frame for [your] request is March 2009 through December 1, 2012.

We cannot accept your FOIA request in its current form because it would require the Agency to perform an unreasonably burdensome search. The FOIA requires requesters to "reasonably describe" the information they seek so that professional employees familiar with the subject matter can locate responsive information with a reasonable amount of effort. Commonly this equates to a requirement that the documents must be locatable through the indexing of our various systems. Extremely broad or vague requests or requests requiring research do not satisfy this requirement.

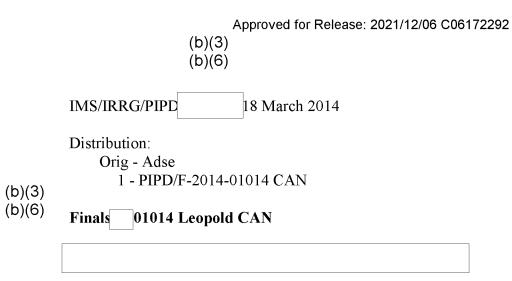
Therefore, in your future requests we recommend that you reasonably describe the information you seek in a manner which will allow us to locate responsive records with a reasonably amount of effort. You may consider narrowing and detailing the subject of your request by using one or more of the following approaches: requesting records on specific individuals, requesting records originated within a particular time-frame, requesting particular type of reports, such as finished intelligence, or requesting records pertaining to a specific event, circumstance, or location. You may consider requesting specific reports by title, if possible.

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