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Dear Mr. Evans:

This responds to your 16 November 2006 letter in which you appealed the 11 October 2006 determination of this Agency in response to your Freedom of Information Act request for all documents from 1980 to the present relating in whole or in part to the Colombian paramilitary and drug trafficker José Vicente Castaño Gil, and all documents on the Bloque Centauros or Centauros Bloc faction of the United Self Defense Forces of Colombia (Autodefensas Unidas de Colombia or AUC) that he leads. Specifically, you appealed our determination that we can neither confirm nor deny the existence or nonexistence of records responsive to your request on the basis of Freedom of Information Act exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).

The Agency Release Panel has considered your appeal and has determined that the Agency can neither confirm nor deny the existence or nonexistence of records responsive to your request on the basis of Freedom of Information Act exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3). Therefore, in accordance with Agency regulations, the Agency Release Panel has denied your appeal. For your information, Agency regulations are set forth in part 1900 of title 32 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

In accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, you have the right to seek judicial review of this determination in a United States district court.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED

Scott Koch
Executive Secretary
Agency Release Panel

APPROVED FOR RELEASE
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