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Dear Mr. Zaid:

This is a final response to your 5 February 2009 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request regarding:

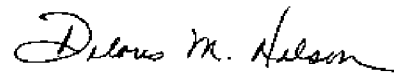
- a) **Regulations, policies, or guidelines addressing how FOIA analysts are to interpret the scope of the subject material of the records requested, with respect to narrow interpretations vs. liberal interpretations;**
- b) **Regulations, policies, or guidelines addressing what modifications can or cannot be made by FOIA analysts to FOIA requests, with or without formal written permission from the requester; and**
- c) **Correspondence, emails, meeting minutes, and records of any discussions regarding how the CIA plans to change its regulations, policies, or guidelines for processing FOIA requests to comply with President Obama's 21 January 2009 *Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies* directing federal agencies to adopt a presumption in favor of disclosure."**

We processed your request in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, and the CIA Information Act, 50 U.S.C. § 431, as amended. Our processing included a search for records as described in our 25 March 2009 acceptance letter existing through the date of that letter.

In regards to Items a and b, we did not locate any records responsive to those portions of your request. However, we follow the Code of Federal Regulations, Volume 32, Chapter XIX, 1 July 1997 Edition, Part 1900 – Public Access to CIA Records Under the Freedom of Information (Act), a copy of which is enclosed.

Regarding Item c, we did not locate any records responsive to your request. Although our searches were thorough and diligent, and it is highly unlikely that repeating those searches would change the result, you nevertheless have the legal right to appeal the finding of no records responsive to your request. As the CIA Information and Privacy Coordinator, I am the CIA official responsible for this determination. You have the right to appeal this response to the Agency Release Panel, in my care, within 45 days from the date of this letter. Please include the basis of your appeal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Delores M. Nelson".

Delores M. Nelson
Information and Privacy Coordinator

Enclosure

