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Re: F90-0289, F90-0257, F90-0787, F90-0841, and F90-0858

Dear Mr. Wright,

I am writing this letter to inquire about the status of the Freedom of Information Act requests cited above. In all of these cases, your agency denied the National Security Archive a fee waiver on the grounds that it was making these requests for commercial purposes. I appealed your fee waiver denials for these requests in a series of letters during October 1990. Since then the National Security Archive and your agency have reached an understanding whereby the CIA more or less routinely grants the Archive a fee waiver as a representative of the media. For its part, the Archive has agreed to pay legally assessable copying fees. I request that you do the same with the requests at issue, that is, promptly grant the Archive a fee waiver and begin to process these requests, if you have not done so already.

These requests deserve a waiver of all fees because the information that they would yield on the Berlin Crisis would promote better public understanding of U.S. government operations. They would show how the U.S. intelligence community reported on and analyzed a major foreign policy problem during a crucial period in the history of the Cold War. In the event that you deny the Archive a full waiver for these requests, we agree to pay any legally assessable copying fees.

If you have any questions about this letter, please feel free to contact me or the Archive's attorney, Sheryl Walter, at the number indicated below.

Very truly yours,



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