

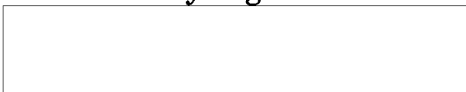
Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D.C. 20505

23 August 2002

Mr. Jeremy Bigwood



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Reference: F-2002-00662

Dear Mr. Bigwood:

This is further to our letters of 3 May 2002 and 10 July 2002 regarding your 2 February 2002 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. Specifically, your request is for records related to the following:

“Operation Breakthrough” in Colombia.”

Concerning your request for a fee waiver, I am required to consider your FOIA request in light of the rules and regulations governing the waiver of fees as published in the Code of Federal Regulations [CFR Title 32, Chapter XIX, Section 1900.13(b), enclosed] as well as relevant Department of Justice and Office of Management and Budget guidelines. I have reviewed your request and have determined that your petition does not meet the requirements of those regulations. Release of the information you have requested would not be likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations and activities of the United States Government. Accordingly, in this instance your request for a fee waiver is denied.

Based upon the information provided in your letter, we have determined that your request falls into the “news media” fee category, which means that you will be required to pay only for the cost of reproducing released records. You will be assessed for document copies at the rate of ten cents per page for pages in excess of the first 100, to which you are entitled free.

We have accepted your request; it will be processed in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, and the CIA Information Act, 50 U.S.C. § 431. Our search will be for documents in existence as of and through the date of this acceptance letter.

The heavy volume of FOIA requests received by the Agency has created delays in processing. Since we cannot respond within the 20 working days stipulated by the FOIA, you have the right to consider this a denial and may appeal to the Agency Release Panel. It would seem more reasonable, however, to have us continue processing your request and respond to you as soon as we can. You can appeal any denial of records at that time. Unless we hear from you otherwise, we will assume that you agree, and we will proceed on this basis.

Sincerely,



Kathryn I. Dyer
Information and Privacy Coordinator

Enclosure

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