Central Intelligence Agency

Washington, D.C. 20505

24 January 2003

Mr. Jeremy Bigwood

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Reference: F-2002-00662

Dear Mr. Bigwood:

This is a final response to your 2 February 2002 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records pertaining to "Operation Breakthrough" in Colombia. Your request was processed in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, and the CIA Information Act, 50 U.S.C. § 431. Our processing included a search for records as described in our acceptance letter that were in existence as of and through the date of that letter, 23 August 2002.

Enclosed are three documents that can be released in segregable form with deletions made on the basis of FOIA exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3). Additional material was located which is properly classified and must be denied in its entirety on the basis of FOIA exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3). An explanation of exemptions is enclosed.

During our searches we located United States Government material that was not originated by the CIA. This material appears to be relevant to your request and has been referred to its originating agency for review and direct response to you.

You have the right to appeal these decisions by addressing your appeal to the Agency Release Panel within 45 days from the date of this letter, in my care. Should you choose to do this, please explain the basis of your appeal.

Thank you for your patience while we processed this request.

Sincerely,

Kathryn I. Dyer
Information and Privacy Coordinator

Enclosures

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