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Mr. Michael Evans
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Dear Mr. Evans:

This acknowledges receipt of your 22 May 2002 facsimile (Archive No. 20020302CIA046) requesting records under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Specifically, your request is for records pertaining to:

**“Operation LASER STRIKE,” a program
coordinated by U.S. Southern Command to provide
military support for drug interdiction efforts in
Colombia, Peru and Venezuela.**

For identification purposes we have assigned your request the number referenced above. Please refer to this number in future correspondence.

The information you are seeking would be under the auspices of the U.S. Department of Defense. Please be aware that the CIA is not authorized to release records originated by other Government agencies even if we were to locate any. Therefore, you should contact the U. S. Department of Defense at the following address for the records you require:

Mr. H. J. McIntyre, Director
Department of Defense
Directorate for Freedom of Information and Security Review
1155 Defense, Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301-1155

We hope the preceding information will provide you with some assistance in your endeavor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kathryn I. Dyer', written in a cursive style.

Kathryn I. Dyer
Information and Privacy Coordinator

CIO/IMS/IRRG/PIPD [redacted].../28 May 2002

Signature assigned by: [redacted]

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