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Re: Request under the FOIA, in reply refer to Archive # 20020302CIA046

Dear Ms. Dyer:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), I hereby request disclosure of documents 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. The program was initiated in April 1996.

If you regard any of these documents as potentially exempt from the FOIA's disclosure requirements, I request that you nonetheless exercise your discretion to disclose them. As the FOIA requires, please release all reasonably segregable nonexempt portions of documents. To permit me to reach an intelligent and informed decision whether or not to file an administrative appeal of any denied material, please describe any withheld records (or portions thereof) and explain the basis for your exemption claims.

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To expedite the release of the requested documents, please disclose them on an interim basis as they become available to you, without waiting until all the documents have been processed. If you have any questions regarding the identity of the records, their location, the scope of the request or any other matters, please call me at (202) 994-7000. I look forward to receiving your response within the twenty-day statutory time period.

Sincerely Yours,

[Redacted Signature]

Michael Evans

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