Central Intelligence Agency

Washington, D.C. 20505

13 August 2003

Mr. Jay Rodgers

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Reference: F-2003-01414

Dear Mr. Rodgers:

This acknowledges receipt of your 21 July 2003 letter requesting records under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Specifically, your request is for records pertaining to:

"a CIA operation called MJ/HOLIDAY and an individual named Mohammed Hussein Rashid."

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

With regard to your request, the CIA can neither confirm nor deny the existence or nonexistence of responsive records. Such information--unless it has been officially acknowledged--would be classified for reasons of national security under Executive Order 12958. The fact of the existence or nonexistence of such records would also relate directly to information concerning intelligence sources and methods. The Director of Central Intelligence has the responsibility and authority to protect such information from unauthorized disclosure in accordance with Section 103 (c)(6) of the National Security Act of 1947 and Section 6 of the CIA Act of 1949. Therefore, your request is denied under FOIA exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3); an explanation of these exemptions is enclosed.

The CIA official responsible for this determination is the Information and Privacy Coordinator. By this action we are neither confirming nor denying the existence or nonexistence of such records. You may appeal this decision by addressing your appeal to the Agency Release Panel, in my care, within 45 days from the date of this letter. Should you choose to do this, please explain the basis of your appeal.

Sincerely,

Robert T. Herman
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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