

Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D.C. 20505

27 September 2004

Mr. Michael Aliprandini



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Reference: F-2004-02126

Dear Mr. Aliprandini:

We have received your 2 September 2004 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records pertaining to **The Blue Network**. **You claim this was a CIA project run in Moscow**. We assigned your request the number referenced above for identification purposes. Please refer to this number in future correspondence.

The CIA can neither confirm nor deny the existence or nonexistence of records responsive to your request. 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 Scott Koch, 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 60 days from the date of this letter. Should you choose to do this, please explain the basis of your appeal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Koch".

Scott Koch
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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