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Mr. Verne Kopytoff
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901 Mission Street
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Dear Mr. Kopytoff:

This is further to our 12 March 2007 letter pertaining to your 20 February 2007 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for:

“All documents related to a contract the CIA awarded to Google Inc. in Sept. 2004 for some of the company’s technology.” You state that you would like to see all written communications about the technology—two Google Search Appliance—before and after the contract was signed. The period [you] want covered is from Jan. 1, 2004 to the present.”

We accept your request and will process it according to the FOIA, as amended, and the CIA Information Act, 50 U.S.C. § 431, as amended. Unless you object, we will limit our search to CIA-originated records existing through the date of this request. That your request requires payment for document or document to which you are subject, we will limit our search to CIA-originated records existing through the date of this request.

Based on the information provided in your letter, we determined that your request falls into the “news media” fee category, which means that you will be required to pay for document or document to which you are subject, we will limit our search to CIA-originated records existing through the date of this request. You will retain the right to appeal at that time if you wish.

The large number of FOIA requests CIA receives has created unavoidable delays in making it unlikely that we can respond within the 20 working days the FOIA requires. You have the right to consider our honest appraisal as a denial of your request and you may appeal to the Agency Release Panel. A more practical approach would be to permit us to continue processing your request and respond to you as soon as we can. You will retain the right to appeal at that time if you wish. We will proceed on that basis unless you object.

Sincerely,

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