

Central Intelligence Agency



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Mr. Verne Kopytoff
San Francisco Chronicle
901 Mission Street
San Francisco, CA 94103

Reference: F-2007-01792

Dear Mr. Kopytoff:

On 30 July 2007 the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator received your 19 July 2007 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for:

- "1. All contracts involving Google as a vendor, product supplier or consultant from Aug. 1, 2006 to the present.**
- 2. The 500 most recent e-mails to and from the address ending with @google.com, Google's corporate e-mail domain. "**

We have assigned your request the reference number above. Please use this number when corresponding so that we can identify it easily.

We accept item 1 above and the portion of your FOIA request that seeks **"the 500 most recent e-mails from the address ending with @google.com."** We will process it according to the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, 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 acceptance letter.

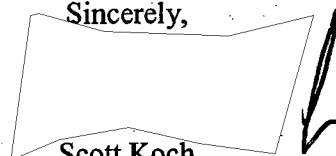
The Agency cannot accept the portion of your FOIA request that seeks **"the 500 most recent e-mails to the address ending with @google.com"** because it would require the Agency to perform an unreasonably burdensome search. The FOIA requires requesters to "reasonably describe" the information they seek so that professional employees familiar with the subject matter can locate responsive information with a reasonable amount of effort. Because of the breadth and lack of specificity of this portion of your request, and the way in which the Agency configures its records systems, the Agency cannot conduct a reasonable search for information responsive to this portion of your request.

Mr. Verne Kopytoff

Based on the information provided in your letter, we determined that your request falls into the "news media" fee category. You must pay only for the cost of reproducing released records, which is ten cents per page after the first 100 copies, which you receive free.

The large number of FOIA requests CIA receives has created unavoidable delays 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 permit us to continue processing your request and respond to you as soon as we can. You will retain your appeal rights and, once you receive the results of our search, can appeal at that time if you wish. We will proceed on that basis unless you object.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Koch", is written over a rectangular box that has been redacted. The signature is slanted and includes a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Scott Koch

Information and Privacy Coordinator

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