

Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D.C. 20505

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Ms. Margaret Petney



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Dear Ms. Petney:

This is a final response to your 3 August 2010 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received in the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator on 11 August 2010, for the following:

1. "Are personnel security investigative files now (or in the past) authorized to be released to anyone who requests them through the Freedom of Information Act.
2. Are personnel security investigative files now being released only to employees who are currently working for a Federal Govt agency or can anyone request a certain personnel security investigative file of any individual they know or are curious about their backgrounds."

The FOIA was enacted to provide a means for the general public to access government records. Under the provisions of the FOIA, federal agencies are not required to answer questions posed as FOIA requests. Since your request does not constitute a request for records, we must decline to process it. To learn more about submitting requests for information, we suggest you visit our website at [www.foia.cia.gov](http://www.foia.cia.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Koch".

Scott Koch  
Acting Information and Privacy Coordinator

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