

29 September 2010

Mr. Thomas Blees



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Reference: F-2010-01882

Dear Mr. Blees:

This is a final response to your 13 September 2010 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received in the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator on 21 September 2010, for “information on the exchange between Francis Gary Powers and Rudolf Abel on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 1962, at Glienicke Bridge (Germany). **I would like to know the cover name/code name for this operation which was used by the American authorities during the preparation of this exchange.**”

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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'S' followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Scott Koch  
Acting Information and Privacy Coordinator

IMS/IRRG/PIPD, [redacted] 24 September 2010

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