

Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D.C. 20505

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Mr. Greg Bensinger  
The Wall Street Journal  
201 California Street, Suite 1100  
San Francisco, CA 94111

Reference: F-2014-00541

Dear Mr. Bensinger:

This is further to our 10 January 2014 letter regarding your 23 December 2013 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, submitted on behalf of The Wall Street Journal, for:

“copies of all communications between Amazon.com Inc. and subsidiary Amazon Web Services (AWS) with the Central Intelligence Agency regarding its proposed and, subsequently, realized cloud computing contract with the CIA [and] copies of the contract in question between Amazon.com Inc., or AWS, and the CIA.”

The CIA Information Act, 50 U.S.C. § 431, as amended, exempts CIA operational files from the search, review, publication, and disclosure requirements of the FOIA. To the extent your request seeks information that is subject to the FOIA, we accept your request, and we will process it in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended. Unless you object, we will limit our search to CIA-originated records up to and including the date the Agency starts its search. We have reviewed your request for a fee waiver and determined that it meets the standard. Therefore, we will charge no fees associated with processing your request.

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 cursive script, appearing to read "Michele Meeks".

Michele Meeks

Information and Privacy Coordinator