

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:

On 3 January 2014, the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator received 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.”

Our officers will review your request and will advise you should they encounter any problems or if they cannot begin the search without additional information. We have assigned your request the reference number above. Please use this number when corresponding with us so that we can identify it easily.

You have requested expedited processing. We handle all requests in the order we receive them; that is, “first-in, first-out.” We make exceptions to this rule only when a requester establishes a compelling need in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended. Your request does not demonstrate a “compelling need” and, therefore, we deny your request for expedited processing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michele Meeks".

Michele Meeks  
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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