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Reference: F-2015-01836

Dear Messrs. Payton and Cotter:

On 4 June 2015, the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator received your 4 June 2015 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records **related to William Hurd's tenure with the CIA from 2000 to 2009, specifically reimbursements requests made by him and granted to him; travel logs and itineraries; personal financial disclosure forms; and salary and benefit information.** We have assigned your request the reference number above. Please use this number when corresponding so that we can identify it easily.

Although you have provided some of the identifying information required before we can effectively search our files on an individual, we still need additional data before we can begin processing your request. Specifically, we require the individual's *full name, date and place of birth, and date and place of death*. Without this data, we may be unable to distinguish between individuals with the same or similar names. If the individual is deceased, we also require some *evidence of death*, such as a death certificate, an obituary, or a press statement to ensure there are no privacy considerations.

Agency regulations encourage requesters seeking information on *living* third parties to provide a signed affidavit or declaration from the third parties waiving all or some of their privacy rights. We can search without this authorization, but if we locate responsive records, privacy concerns may require us to protect the information from release.

FOIA exemption (b)(6), a copy of which I have enclosed for reference and retention, requires us to protect information "the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." In reaching this determination, we

use the test our enclosed regulations outline at 32 CFR § 1900.32(b): “the Agency will balance the privacy interests that would be compromised by disclosure against the public interest in release of the requested information.” Therefore, the waiver will assist us with this determination. In an effort to assist you, we are also enclosing a copy of the Freedom of Information Act – Certification of Identity form.

As you are aware, the FOIA authorizes federal agencies to collect fees for records services. You will note on the enclosed fee schedule that we charge search fees, including computer time where indices are computerized, review fees, and copying costs for releasable documents. Search fees are assessable, and you will be charged even if our search results are negative or if we determine that no information is releasable under the FOIA. Based on the information provided in your letter, we determined that your request falls into the “all other” fee category, which may require you to pay charges to cover the cost of searching for and reproducing responsive records (if any) beyond the first 100 pages of reproduction and the first two hours of search time, which are free. Copies are ten cents per page. We note your agreement to pay up to \$500. As you requested, we will notify you if the fees exceed that amount.

We will hold your request in abeyance for 45 days from the date of this letter pending receipt of the subject’s **full name, date and place of birth, date and place of death, and privacy waiver OR evidence of death** as outlined above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Lavergne".

Michael Lavergne  
Information and Privacy Coordinator

Enclosures