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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a request for information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act 5 U.S.C. Section 552. I request a copy of the following documents:

- Most recent semiannual OIG report as required by the Inspector General Act of 1978
- OIG report completed in June 2005 concerning the 9/11 attack. The report was recently ~~declassified~~ declassified. The report was mentioned in a USA Today article on 8/22/07. That article is attached to assist CIA in locating this report.

In order to assess my fee status, you should know that this information will be used for a scholarly, non-commercial purpose. Please process my request and mail the responsive documents to:

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Report blasts Tenet's pre-9/11 CIA

Internal critique cites failure to follow up on al-Qaeda threat

By Richard Willing
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — CIA Director George Tenet declared "war" on al-Qaeda in 1998 but failed to follow up with a thorough counterterrorism plan until after the September 2001 attacks, the CIA inspector general charged in an internal report partially declassified on Tuesday.

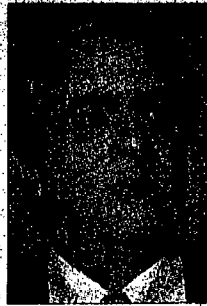
The report, completed in June 2005, said the pre-9/11 CIA failed to develop "assets" needed to disrupt al-Qaeda before it launched its devastating attacks.

Echoing the public 9/11 Commission Report in 2004, the CIA watchdog also criticized the agency for not sharing intelligence that could have led authorities to two 9/11 hijackers who traveled to the USA in 2000 and 2001.

Neither the CIA nor its officers discharged "their responsibilities in a satisfactory manner," Inspector General John Helgerson concluded in the report's 19-page summary.

However, the summary also found "no silver bullet" or "single point of failure" that "would have enabled the Intelligence Community to predict or prevent the 9/11 attacks."

Tenet, who resigned in 2004, said in a statement Tuesday that the report is "flat wrong" in its assertion that the CIA lacked a clear plan. Instead, he said, the agency



Tenet: Says agency's report is "flat wrong."

'The fact that failures were systemic should not absolve responsible officials from accountability.'

— John Helgerson, CIA inspector general, in report's 19-page summary

'There was in fact a robust plan (to fight terrorism) dating back to long before 9/11.'

— George Tenet, in a statement

had a "robust" plan that helped it attack al-Qaeda after 9/11 and chase it from its "Afghan sanctuary."

Tenet and at least six other top agency officials should face review boards to further evaluate their actions, the report said. In June 2005, then-CIA director Porter Goss rejected that proposal, a decision the agency's current director, Gen. Michael Hayden, said he supported.

Hayden told CIA employees in a statement Tuesday that he opposed declassifying and releasing the report because that would "distract officers serving on the front lines of a global conflict."

The inspector general's summary was required to be released under a law passed this month that implemented some recommendations of the 9/11 Commission.

Although Hayden said the report is mostly old news, it included several points that were either new or offered internal CIA views that had not been made public. For example:

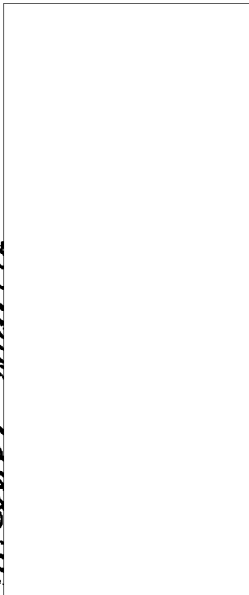
► The CIA targeted 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed for capture and rendition but did not "recognize the significance" of his role in al-Qaeda.

► No comprehensive study of Osama bin Laden was written after 1993. "Strategic analysis" of al-Qaeda was lacking.

► The CIA and National Security Agency were sometimes unclear about their pre-9/11 roles in pursuit of al-Qaeda.

► As many as 60 CIA officials read at least one cable in 2000 or 2001 dealing with the American travel plans of two 9/11 hijackers, but the information wasn't quickly shared with domestic law enforcement.

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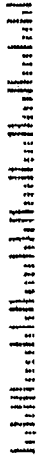


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