

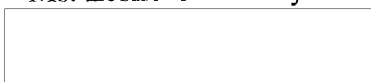
Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D.C. 20505

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Ms. Leslie G. Kinney



Reference: F-2015-02398

Dear Ms. Kinney:

This is a final response to your appeal, received on 15 September 2015, to the Agency Release Panel (ARP) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) from the action(s) of the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator in its processing of your request under the referenced case identification number.

***The ARP carefully considered your petition and determined that your administrative appeal should be denied in full.*** As the Executive Secretary of the ARP, I am the CIA official responsible for informing you of the appellate determination, described more fully in what follows.

The ARP upheld the initial action with respect to records that might reflect an open or otherwise acknowledged relationship with the CIA. The Agency conducted a reasonable search calculated to uncover material responsive to the request and was unable to locate any responsive records.

The ARP upheld the initial action to neither confirm nor deny the existence or nonexistence of other records that might reveal a classified connection with the CIA in accordance with section 3.6 (a) of Executive Order 13526. The fact of the existence or nonexistence of such records in itself currently and properly classified and is intelligence sources and methods of information protected from disclosure by Section 6 of the CIA Act of 1949 and section 102A(i)(1) of the National Security Act of 1947. Therefore the appropriate FOIA exemptions are (b)(1) and (b)(3).

In accordance with the provisions of the FOIA, you have the right to seek judicial review of this determination in federal district court. Alternatively, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) offers mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and federal agencies. Using services offered by OGIS does not affect your right to pursue litigation. For more information, including how to contact OGIS, please consult its website, <http://ogis.archives.gov>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Lavergne". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping tail on the "e".

Michael Lavergne  
Executive Secretary  
Agency Release Panel