

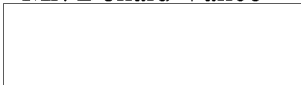
Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D.C. 20505

10 January 2013

Mr. Donald Vance



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Reference: F-2013-00495

Dear Mr. Vance:

This is a final response to your undated Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, postmarked 26 December 2012, received in the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator on 3 January 2013, for **any and all records pertaining to operation/project/codename AMIMPEDE**. We have assigned your request the reference number above. Please use this number when corresponding so that we can identify it easily.

In accordance with section 3.6(a) of Executive Order 13526, the CIA can neither confirm nor deny the existence or nonexistence of records responsive to your request. The fact of the existence or nonexistence of requested records is currently and properly classified and is intelligence sources and methods information that is protected from disclosure by section 6 of the CIA Act of 1949, as amended, and section 102A(i)(1) of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended. Therefore, your request is denied pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3). I have enclosed an explanation of these exemptions for your reference and retention. As the CIA Information and Privacy Coordinator, I am the CIA official responsible for this determination. You have the right to appeal this response to the Agency Release Panel, in my care, within 45 days from the date of this letter. Please include the basis of your appeal.

Sincerely,

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

Michele Meeks  
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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