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Central Intelligence Agency



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Mr. Jason Leopold

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Dear Mr. Leopold:

This is a final response to your 8 March 2014 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received in the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator on 10 March 2014, for any and all letters written by a Congressional Committee, member of a Congressional Committee and chairman/chairwoman of a Congressional Committee that was received, transmitted, collected and/or maintained by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). Moreover, [you] request disclosure of any and all letters that were prepared, transmitted, and/or maintained by CIA and sent to a Congressional Committee, member of a Congressional Committee and chairman/chairwoman of a Congressional Committee and chairman/chairwoman of a Congressional Committee and chairman/chairwoman of a Congressional Committee. The timeframe for [your] request is March 2009 through the date the search for responsive records begins.

We cannot accept your FOIA request in its current form because it would require the Agency to perform an unreasonably burdensome search. The FOIA requires requesters to "reasonably describe" the information they seek so that professional employees familiar with the subject matter can locate responsive information with a reasonable amount of effort. Commonly this equates to a requirement that the documents must be locatable through the indexing of our various systems. Extremely broad or vague requests or requests requiring research do not satisfy this requirement.

Sincerely,

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