

Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D.C. 20505

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Mr. Jason Leopold



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Reference: F-2014-00619

Dear Mr. Leopold:

This is a final response to your 31 December 2013 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received in the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator on 2 January 2014, for **all CIA records that mentions Nelson Mandela, who died December 5, 2013.**

As we told you on 23 December 2013 in connection with a similar request (F-2014-00400), 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,

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

Michele Meeks  
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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**Noted: Requester asked for the same records in F-2014-00400, just worded different.**