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Mr. Ellis C. Mattingly



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Dear Mr. Mattingly:

This is a final response to your 22 December 2012 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request addressed to the Office of Public Affairs, received in the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator on 4 January 2013, for a search of our archives to determine if members of the Agency interfaced with members of the 765<sup>th</sup> Security Platoon, Vung Tau Army Airfield, while this unit was active between the dates of September 1964 to December 1970.

We have completed a thorough review of your request and have determined that our record systems are not configured in a way that would allow us to perform a search reasonably calculated to lead to responsive records without an unreasonable effort. The FOIA does not require federal agencies to perform research, create records or conduct unreasonable searches through a body of material to see if any of it is related to a particular request. Therefore, we must decline to process your request.

We recommend (for your research) that you visit the Agency website, [www.cia.gov](http://www.cia.gov), and search under the Library, FOIA Electronic Reading Room, Special Collections Section. This gives you access to various methods to several collections of documents on the Vietnam War. For example, we suggest the NIC Vietnam Collection which provides access to over 174 documents (on PDF format), exclusively on the Vietnam War. We believe this will be very useful in your research.

Optionally, the CIA has a CDROM available for purchase on the Vietnam Histories which consists of six declassified histories volumes that describes the CIA's role in Indochina during the Vietnam War. These histories are also available in the Special Collections Section. The histories were written by Thomas L. Ahern, Jr., and are based on extensive research in the CIA records and on oral history interviews of participants. The release totals some 1,600 pages and represents the largest amount of Vietnam-era CIA documents yet declassified. If you would like to purchase your own copy of this collection on the CDROM, please send a check or money order for U.S. \$10, made payable to the **Treasurer of the United States**. Please cite reference number **F-2013-00533** to ensure proper credit to your account. We hope this has been very helpful to you.

Sincerely,

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

Michele Meeks

Information and Privacy Coordinator

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