

Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D.C. 20505

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Mr. James Reed



(b)(6)

Reference: F-2001-00289

Dear Mr. Reed:

This acknowledges receipt of your undated letter, received 13 February 2001, requesting records under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Specifically, your request is for:

**information regarding the scholarship, political affiliations or political activities of Michel Foucault, a French national.**

For identification purposes we have assigned your request the number referenced above. Please refer to this number in future correspondence.

The CIA can neither confirm nor deny the existence or nonexistence of any CIA records responsive to your request. The fact of the existence or nonexistence of records containing such information--unless it has been officially acknowledged--would be classified for reasons of national security under Sections 1.5(c) [intelligence sources and methods] and 1.5(d) [foreign relations] of Executive Order 12958. Further, the Director of Central Intelligence has the responsibility and authority to protect such information from unauthorized disclosure in accordance with Section 103 (c)(6) of the National Security Act of 1947 and Section 6 of the CIA Act of 1949.

Accordingly, your request is denied on the basis of FOIA exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3). By this action, we are neither confirming nor denying the existence or nonexistence of such records. An explanation of cited FOIA

exemptions is enclosed. The CIA official responsible for this denial is Kathryn I. Dyer, Information and Privacy Coordinator. You may appeal this decision by addressing your appeal to the Agency Release Panel within 45 days from the date of this letter, in my care. Should you choose to do this, please explain the basis of your appeal.

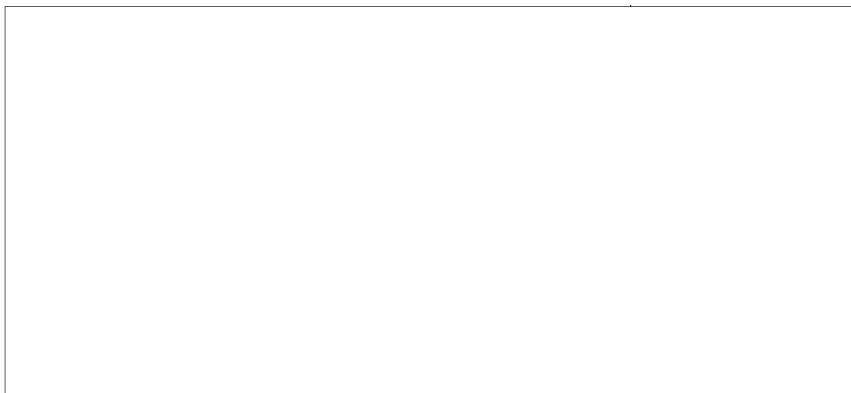
We regret we are unable to be of any assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Kathryn I. Dyer  
Information and Privacy Coordinator

Enclosure



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enclosure: explanation of exemptions