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Mr. Donald Vance

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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 ZRALARM."

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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