

Central Intelligence Agency



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David H. Price, Ph.D.



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Reference: F-2013-00594

Dear Dr. Price:

On 16 January 2013, the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator received your 19 December 2012 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records on **Dr. Melvin Lawrence Ember**. We have assigned your request the reference number above. Please use this number when corresponding so that we can identify it easily.

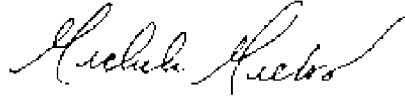
As you are aware, the FOIA authorizes federal agencies to collect fees for records services. You will note on the enclosed fee schedule that we charge search fees, including computer time where indices are computerized, review fees, and copying costs for releasable documents. Search fees are assessable, and you will be charged them even if our search results are negative or if we determine that no information is releasable under the FOIA. Based on the information provided in your letter, we determined that your request falls into the "all other" fee category, which may require you to pay charges to cover the cost of searching for and reproducing responsive records (if any) beyond the first 100 pages of reproduction and the first two hours of search time, which are free. Copies are ten cents per page.

I must consider your request for a fee waiver under the standards the Agency FOIA regulations outline, which you will find at Part 1900 of Title 32 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and Department of Justice guidance. I have reviewed your request under those standards to determine "if disclosure of the information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester." Your request does not meet these standards because disclosing the information you seek is not "likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the United States Government." I therefore deny your request for a fee waiver.

You may appeal this decision, in my care, within 45 days from the date of this letter. Should you choose to appeal the denial of your request for a fee waiver, you are encouraged to provide an explanation supporting your appeal. Agency regulations also specify that if the Agency has started to process a request, the Agency may only accept an appeal of a fee waiver denial if the requester agrees to be responsible for the costs in the event of an adverse administrative or judicial decision.

Before we can begin processing your request, we must receive **your commitment to pay all fees** incurred under the conditions stated above. We will hold your request in suspense for 45 days from the date of this letter pending your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michele Meeks".

Michele Meeks  
Information and Privacy Coordinator

Enclosure

IMS/IRRG/PIPD [redacted] 25 January 2013

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