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28 April 2006



Reference: F-2006-00947



The office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator has received your 18 April 2006 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for **documents relating to Edmond Safra, a banker who was born in Beirut, Lebanon and died in Monte Carlo on December 3, 1999**. We have assigned your request the reference number above. Please use this number when corresponding so that we can identify it easily.

In accordance with section 3.6(a) of Executive Order 12958, as amended, the CIA can neither confirm nor deny the existence or nonexistence of records responsive to your request. The fact of the existence or nonexistence of requested records is properly classified and is intelligence sources and methods information that is protected from disclosure by section 6 of the CIA Act of 1949. Therefore, the Agency has denied your request pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3). I have enclosed an explanation of these exemptions for your reference and retention.

CIA Information and Privacy Coordinator Scott Koch made this decision, which you may appeal to the Agency Release Panel, in my care, within 45 days from the date of this letter. You may include any additional information supporting your position or explaining why you think our initial decision is wrong.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Koch".

Scott Koch
Information and Privacy Coordinator

Enclosure

