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Central Intelligence Agency  
 Scott A. Koch  
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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Mr. Koch:

I am making this request under the Freedom Of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. Please provide the CIA Inspector General's report pertaining to the CIA's performance before the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. This IG report was delivered to the Senate and House Intelligence Committees on Tuesday, August 23, 2005, by DCIA Porter J. Goss and described by the *New York Times* in the article "C.I.A. Report Said to Fault Pre-9/11 Leadership," on August 26, 2005.

I request a waiver of all costs associated with fulfilling this submission pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii). Disclosure of the requested records will further 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 POGO. Specifically, POGO intends to use the requested records to highlight the performance of the CIA in addressing Al-Qaeda before the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

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If this request is denied in full or in part, please cite the exemptions pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b) that justify the denial. If an exemption applies, however, please consider exercising the agency's discretionary release powers to disclose the records. Additionally, please release all reasonably segregable portions of the records that do not meet an exemption.

I look forward to your response within 20 days of the receipt of this request, unless, in the case of "unusual circumstances," the time limitation is "extended by written notice." I am aware that I have a right to appeal if this request is wholly or partially denied or if the agency fails to respond within 20 days, and that, if successful, a federal district court may assess "reasonable attorney fees and other litigation costs." 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(E).

Please contact me if this request requires further clarification. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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