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Dear Ms. Battle:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your 20 January 1999 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the following records, which were discussed by former Director of Central Intelligence Robert Gates during his 1991 public testimony before the SSCI:

"All documents concerned with U.S. intelligence sharing with Iraq during the Iran-Iraq war (1980-1988)."

For identification purposes, we have assigned your request the number referenced above.

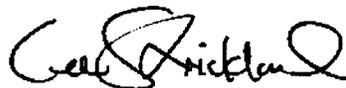
Based on The National Security Archive's agreement to pay copying costs as a requester in the category of "representative of the news media," we have accepted your request; it will be processed in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, and the CIA Information Act, 50 U.S.C. § 431. Our search will be for documents in existence as of and through the date of this acceptance letter.

Concerning your request for a fee waiver, the FOIA, 50 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(4)(iii), specifically provides that "documents shall be furnished without any charge or at a charge reduced below the fees established under the clause (ii) 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 [United States] government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester."

With respect to your request for a fee waiver, we have reviewed your request and have determined that the information you seek from Agency files would contribute significantly to the public understanding of the operations and activities of the United States Government. Therefore, your request for a fee waiver is granted.

The heavy volume of FOIA requests received by the Agency has created delays in processing. Since we cannot respond within the 20 working days stipulated by the FOIA, you have the right to consider this a denial and may appeal to the Agency Release Panel. It would seem more reasonable, however, to have us continue processing your request and respond to you as soon as we can. You can appeal any denial of records at that time. Unless we hear from you otherwise, we will assume that you agree, and we will proceed on this basis.

Sincerely,



Lee S. Strickland
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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✓ [redacted] F-1999-00204 ACC (Ready to process under FOIA) No Fees
(Fee Waiver Granted)

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Memorandum for the Record: [redacted]