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Mr. Jon W. van Horne  
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Dear Mr. Van Horne:

This is in response to your letter of 7 February 2000 pertaining to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request from your client, Erwin Rautenberg, for records concerning the Air-Sea Forwarders case. Your letter responds to our 13 October 1999 letter in which we stated that we could search for the requested records, but that we would not proceed without a fee commitment. You state that "on behalf of Mr. Kim and Mr. Rautenberg, [you] are willing to pay all reasonable and standard processing fees, ... [but request that we] provide [you] with prior notice in the event that [we] determine that such fees will exceed \$1,000.00." We also note your statement that Mr. Raymond B. Kim, signer of the 13 September 1999 request letter and then with Goldberg, Scott, Belfield, Steinberg & Cohen, is now with Greenberg Traurig.

Now that you have provided a fee commitment, we have accepted your request and placed it in the "all other" fee category. 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.

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,



Kathryn I. Dyer  
Acting Information and Privacy Coordinator

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