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Mr. Raymond B. Kim
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Reference: F-1999-01980

Dear Mr. Kim:

This acknowledges receipt of your 13 September 1999 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request on behalf of your client, Erwin Rautenberg, for a list of **193 specific records pertaining to the "Air-Sea Forwarders Case."** Among the 193 line items are 39 entries for which you have provided redacted copies of documents and requested "unredacted" copies. Your request has been assigned the reference number above for identification purposes. Please refer to this number in future correspondence about this request.

We have determined that we can search for the records you have requested on behalf of your client. With regard to your request for a fee waiver, we have determined that disclosure of the requested documents will not contribute significantly to the public understanding of U.S. Government operations or activities. Therefore, your request for a fee waiver is denied.

With regard to the determination of a fee category, the determination can turn on the use to which the requested information would be put, rather than on the identity of the requester. As it is not clear from your letter to what purpose any disclosed records would be put, we ask that you provide us such information so that we can make a fee category determination. We have enclosed a copy of our fee schedule for your guidance.

We will be unable to begin processing your request until you have provided the clarification requested above. Meanwhile, will hold your request in abeyance for 45 days from the date of this letter pending your reply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kathryn I. Dyer', written in a cursive style.

Kathryn I. Dyer
Information and Privacy Coordinator

Enclosure

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Signature assigned by: [redacted]

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