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Information and Privacy Coordinator  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Coordinator:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. subsection 552, I am requesting information about Sami Al-Khoury. He was a Lebanese drug trafficker who was based in Beirut and was active between 1947 and 1970.

Please supply the records without informing me of the cost if the fees do not exceed twenty (50) dollars, which I agree to pay (although I do not anticipate a fee of this amount). I am currently an assistant professor in the Department of History at Long Island University, CW Post Campus (but will be teaching at Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania as of the first of September). The document that I request is intended for a published scholarly work contributing to public knowledge.

If you deny all or any part of this request, please cite each specific exemption you think justifies your refusal to release the information and notify me of appeal procedures available under the law.

If you have any questions about handling this request, you may telephone me at  or reach me via email

Sincerely,

Ryan Gingeras