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Mr. Ryan Gingeras



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Dear Mr. Gingeras:

This responds to your undated letter, which we received on 12 August 2009, appealing our 15 July 2009 final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for information about Sami Al-Khoury, "a Lebanese drug trafficker who was based in Beirut and was active between 1947 and 1970." Specifically, you appealed our determination that we can neither confirm nor deny the existence or nonexistence of records on the basis of FOIA exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).

The Agency Release Panel (ARP) considered your appeal and determined that the Agency can neither confirm nor deny the existence or nonexistence of records responsive to your request on the basis of FOIA exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3). Therefore, in accordance with Agency regulations, the ARP denied your appeal. For your information, Agency regulations are set forth in part 1900 of title 32 of the Code of Federal Regulations. In accordance with the provisions of the FOIA, you have the right to seek judicial review of this determination in a United States district court.

Sincerely,

Delores M. Nelson
Executive Secretary
Agency Release Panel

