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Mr. Kenneth Pealock



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Dear Mr. Pealock:

This is a final response to your 14 August 2009 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received in the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator on 1 September 2009, for information regarding "records related to Five Star Trust and US Mortgage and Trust Company as conduits for laundering drug trafficking profits or other illicit funds." We have assigned your request the reference number above. Please use this number when corresponding so that we can identify it easily.

In accordance with section 3.6(a) of Executive Order 12958, as amended, the CIA can neither confirm nor deny the existence or nonexistence of records responsive to your request. The fact of the existence or nonexistence of requested records is currently and properly classified and is intelligence sources and methods information that is protected from disclosure by section 6 of the CIA Act of 1949, as amended. Therefore, your request has been denied pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3). I have enclosed an explanation of these exemptions for your reference and retention. You may appeal my decision to the Agency Release Panel, in my care, within 45 days from the date of this letter. Please include the basis of your appeal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Delores M. Nelson".

Delores M. Nelson
Information and Privacy Coordinator

Enclosure

