

Central Intelligence Agency

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Mr. Jason Smathers



Reference: F-2010-01852

Dear Mr. Smathers:

On 15 September 2010, the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator received your 11 September 2010 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for **“all threat assessments created by the CIA concerning threats originating within Indonesia or threats to Americans in Indonesia where the record was created between January 1, 2008 and the date this request is processed.”** We have assigned your request the reference number above. Please use this number when corresponding so that we can identify it easily.

The CIA Information Act, 50 U.S.C. § 431, as amended, exempts CIA operational files from the search, review, publication, and disclosure requirements of the FOIA. To the extent your request seeks information that is subject to the FOIA, we accept your request and will process it in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, and the CIA Information Act. We will search for records existing through the date of this acceptance letter.

Based on the information provided in your letter, we determined that your request falls into the “all other” fee category, which will require you to pay charges to cover the cost of searching for and reproducing responsive records (if any) beyond the first 100 pages of reproduction and the first two hours of search time, which are free. Copies are ten cents per page. We have noted your agreement to pay up to \$30.

I must consider your request for a fee waiver under the standards the Agency FOIA regulations outline, which you will find at Part 1900 of Title 32 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). I have reviewed your request under those standards and determined that your petition does not meet them because disclosing the information you seek is not likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations and **activities of the United States Government**. I therefore deny your request for a fee waiver.

You may appeal this decision, in my care, within 45 days from the date of this letter. Should you choose to appeal the denial of your request for a fee waiver, you are encouraged to provide an explanation supporting your appeal. Agency regulations also specify that if the Agency has started to process a request, the Agency may only accept an appeal of a fee waiver denial if the requester agrees to be responsible for the costs in the event of an adverse administrative or judicial decision.

The large number of FOIA requests CIA receives has created unavoidable delays making it unlikely that we can respond within the 20 working days the FOIA requires. You have the right to consider our honest appraisal as a denial of your request and you may appeal to the Agency Release Panel. A more practical approach would permit us to continue processing your request and respond to you as soon as we can. You will retain your appeal rights and, once you receive the results of our search, can appeal at that time if you wish. We will proceed on that basis unless you object.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Koch', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Scott Koch
Acting Information and Privacy Coordinator

Enclosure

