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Gentlemen:

This is in reply to your letters of 4 January 1977 and 7 December 1977 requesting information about Air America personnel, meetings and correspondence under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. An examination of requests (1) and (2) in your 4 January 1977 letter should show you that our compliance would be a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of the employees mentioned. Under the terms of subsection (b)(6) of the Freedom of Information Act, we cannot accede to these requests.

In response to your third request--copies of minutes of meetings and correspondence on the subject of separation benefits of non-pilot employees of Air America--we have searched our files and found a number of documents, six of which I am enclosing for your retention. The first two, sent in their entirety, are:

1. Cable, 12 June 1974.
2. Cable, 11 June 1974.

You will note in the remaining four items certain portions have been deleted. I am listing the items below, and alongside each is the appropriate exemption from the Freedom of Information Act which explains why the deletions had to be made. An explanation of the exemptions follows the list later in this letter.

<u>Document</u>	<u>Exemptions</u>
3. Memorandum, 15 December 1975.	(b) (6)
4. Minutes of meeting, 21 October 1974.	(b) (5), (b) (6)
5. Cable, 31 May 1974.	(b) (3), (b) (5), (b) (6)
6. Memo, undated (probably 1973).	(b) (3), (b) (6)

There were also 17 items which primarily concerned others not signatory to this request. They were thus not germane and are denied under exemption (b) (6) fo the Freedom of Information Act. They are:

7. Minutes, 18 February 1976.
8. Memorandum, 14 January 1976.
9. Memorandum, 15 December 1975.
10. Memorandum, 1 December 1975.
11. Memorandum, 24 November 1975.
12. Memorandum, 21 November 1975.
13. Memorandum, 3 November 1975.
14. Memorandum, 26 August 1975.
15. Memorandum, 20 August 1975.
16. Memorandum, 18 July 1975.
17. Minutes, 18 July 1975.
18. Memorandum, 13 June 1975
19. Memorandum, 1 April 1975.
20. Memorandum, with attachment, 14 February 1975.
21. Minutes, 21 October 1974.
22. Memorandum, 16 October 1974.
23. Memorandum, 1974.

The applicability of the Freedom of Information Act subsections cited earlier is explained as follows:

(b)(3) applies to the Director's statutory obligations to protect from disclosure intelligence sources and methods, as well as the organization, functions, names, official titles, salaries or numbers of personnel employed by the Agency, in accord with the National Security Act of 1947 and the CIA Act of 1949, respectively; and,

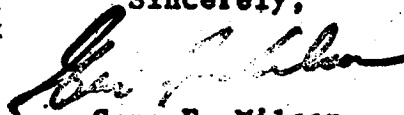
(b)(5) applies to inter- and intra-agency memoranda which are advisory in nature; and,

(b)(6) applies to information release of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of other individuals.

The CIA official responsible for the deletions and denials on items (3) through (23) was Mr. Robert Zunzer, Executive Officer, Directorate of Administration. ✓

Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act you have the right to appeal his actions to the CIA Information Review Committee. If you choose to do so, please write me, stating in full the basis of your appeal.

Sincerely,



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