

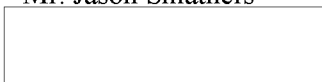
## Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D.C. 20505

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Mr. Jason Smathers

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DATE: 02-08-2011

Reference: F-2010-01744

Dear Mr. Smathers:

This is a final response to your 31 August 2010 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received in the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator on 1 September 2010, for all records on, about, concerning, or mentioning "**The Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, aka The Watchtower, aka Jehovah's Witnesses, aka 'The Society'**" created between September 11, 2001 and the date of your request. 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 13526, 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 is denied pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3). I have enclosed an explanation of these exemptions for your reference and retention. As the CIA Information and Privacy Coordinator, I am the CIA official responsible for this determination. You have the right to appeal this response 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 black ink, appearing to read "Scott Koch", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Scott Koch  
Acting Information and Privacy Coordinator

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