

Central Intelligence Agency

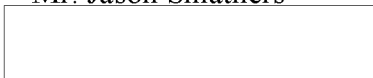


Washington, D.C. 20505

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Mr. Jason Smathers



Reference: F-2010-01843

Dear Mr. Smathers:

This is a final response to your 11 September 2010 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received in the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator on 15 September 2010, for:

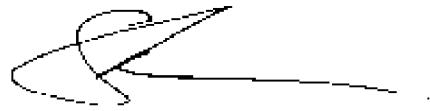
- 1) All documents that would be made available to a CIA agent before traveling to the Province of Papua in Indonesia; and
- 2) All other records created or collected by the CIA between January 1, 2008 on, about, mentioning, or concerning the Province of Papua in Indonesia.

We have assigned your request the reference number above. Please use this number when corresponding so that we can identify it easily.

Regarding Item 1, 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, and section 102A(i)(1) of the National Security Act of 1947, 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 Acting 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.

With regards to Item 2, the CIA, whose primary mission is the collection and analysis of foreign intelligence, has a vast amount of records in a variety of offices and files that are indexed and therefore retrievable under the name of a specific country or region of the world or under a broad subject of public interest. An overly broad search would locate a vast quantity of records, much of which would be extraneous, mentioning the subject of the request only in passing, thus being of little or no value to you. Further, the review of such records would impose an excessive and unreasonable burden on the Agency, and pursuant to relevant precedent, we must decline to process such requests.

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

