

Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D.C. 20505

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Mr. Steven Aftergood
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Reference: F-2004-00089

Dear Mr. Aftergood:

This acknowledges receipt of your 10 October 2003 facsimile requesting records under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Specifically, your request is for:

“documents that indicate the total budget appropriation for intelligence and intelligence-related activities for fiscal year 2004.”

For identification purposes we have assigned your request the number referenced above. Please refer to this number in future correspondence.

The records you request must be denied to you pursuant to exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3) of the FOIA. This information is classified under the provision of Executive Order 12958. Budget information also relates directly to intelligence sources and methods, which, in accordance with Section 103(c) (6) of the National Security Act of 1947 and Section 6 of the CIA Act of 1949, the Director of Central Intelligence has the legal responsibility and authority to protect from unauthorized disclosure. We trust you can appreciate the necessity of an intelligence agency to protect its budget. An explanation of FOIA exemptions is enclosed for reference.

The CIA official responsible for this determination is Robert T. Herman, Information and Privacy Coordinator. You may appeal this decision by addressing your appeal to the Agency Release Panel, in my care, within 45 days from the date of this letter. Should you choose to do this, please explain the basis of your appeal.

Sincerely,

Bob H,
for

Robert T. Herman
Information and Privacy Coordinator

Enclosures