



Washington, D.C. 20505

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Mr. Steven Aftergood
Federation of American Scientists
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Reference: F-2011-02333

Dear Mr. Aftergood:

On 22 September 2011, the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator received your 22 September 2011 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, submitted on behalf of the Federation of American Scientists, for **“copies of CIA records that document the status of the Fundamental Classification Guidance Review at CIA, including records that indicate the classification categories or classification guides, if any, that have been modified or withdrawn to date in response to the Review.”** We have assigned your request the reference number above. Please use this number when corresponding so that we can identify it easily.

Please note that our records indicate that you submitted a previous request on 12 November 2010 (F-2011-00303) in which you were asking for the same information as above. In our response, dated 7 February 2011, we informed you that a search was conducted and no records responsive to your request were located. Although there is little likelihood that an updated search would produce different results, we will be glad to do so. The CIA Information Act, 50 U.S.C. § 431, as amended, exempts CIA operational files from 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. Unless you object, we will limit our search to CIA-originated records existing from the date of our previous acceptance letter, 2 December 2010, through the date of this acceptance letter.

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 "Susan Viscuso", written over a horizontal line.

Susan Viscuso
Information and Privacy Coordinator