

Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D.C. 20505

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Mr. Matt Ehling
President, Public Record Media, LLC.
2375 University Avenue W
Saint Paul, MN 55114

Reference: F-2010-01153

Dear Mr. Ehling:

We received your 9 August 2010 letter on 18 August 2010 appealing our 30 June 2010 final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for any and all records concerning "payments made to Laotian citizens by the Central Intelligence Agency from December 1, 1968 to December 31, 1968." Specifically, you appealed our determination that we can neither confirm nor deny the existence or nonexistence of records responsive to your request on the basis of FOIA exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).

Your appeal has been accepted and arrangements will be made for its consideration by the appropriate members of the Agency Release Panel. You will be advised of the determinations made.

In order to afford requesters the most equitable treatment possible, we have adopted the policy of handling appeals on a first-received, first-out basis. Despite our best efforts, the large number of appeals the CIA receives has created unavoidable processing delays making it unlikely that we can respond within 20 working days. In view of this, some delay in our reply must be expected, but every reasonable effort will be made to respond as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Koch", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Scott Koch
Acting Information and Privacy Coordinator