



Washington, D.C. 20505

Mr. Matt Ehling  
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Dear Mr. Ehling:

This responds to your 9 August 2010 letter 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).

The Agency Release Panel (ARP) considered your appeal and determined that the CIA can neither confirm nor deny the existence or nonexistence of records responsive to your request because the "fact of" the existence or nonexistence of responsive records is currently and properly classified information relating to intelligence sources or methods protected from disclosure by Section 6 of the CIA Act of 1949, as amended. You may deem this response to be a denial of your request on the basis of FOIA exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3). Therefore, in accordance with Agency regulations set forth in part 1900 of title 32 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the ARP denied your appeal. In accordance with the provisions of the FOIA, you have the right to seek judicial review of this determination in a United States district court.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Viscuso", written over a horizontal line.

Susan Viscuso  
Executive Secretary  
Agency Release Panel