Mr. Jeffrey T. Richelson

Reference: F-2012-00043

Dear Mr. Richelson:

This is a final response to your 6 October 2011 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for copies of "Any studies or reports (greater than 5 pages in length) produced by the CIA Center on Climate Change and National Security, subsequent to March 22, 2010, concerning the impacts of climate change." We processed your request in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, and the CIA Information Act, 50 U.S.C. § 431, as amended. Our processing included a search for records as described in our 13 October 2011 acceptance letter existing through the date of that letter.

We completed a thorough search for records responsive to your request and located material which we determined is currently and properly classified and must be denied in its entirety on the basis of FOIA exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3). Exemption (b)(3) pertains to information exempt from disclosure by statute. The relevant statute is the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 U.S.C. § 403, as amended, e.g., Section 6, which exempts from the disclosure requirement information pertaining to the organization, functions, including those related to the protection of intelligence sources and methods, names, official titles, salaries, and numbers of personnel employed by the Agency. An explanation of exemptions is enclosed. 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.

Sincerely,

Scott Koch, J.D., Ph.D.
Acting Information and Privacy Coordinator

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