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**From:** [Redacted] b2

**Subject:** FOIA No. 399,307

Please expedite delivery of the attached letter to Miss Eichhorst.  
Thank you.

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Re: FOIA No. 399.307

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Dear [redacted]

Confirming today's telephone conversation with you: I am deeply concerned to find that my FOIA request for [redacted] files, dated May 17, 1995, was canceled without notifying me. The original request was made directly to Assistant Director Robert Bryant and acknowledged in his name in a June 16, 1995 letter from [redacted] of the National Security Division. The request was also confirmed May 31, 1995 by the Bureau's standard form.

The Bureau next contacted me with a letter dated August 13, 1996, signed by J. Kevin O'Brien, stating the "large volume of requests on hand." This letter also stated: "In order to reduce unnecessary correspondence, we will notify you only after the processing of your request has been partially or fully completed."

I next received a recontact letter from Mr. O'Brien dated Feb. 25, 1997, asking if I were still interested in this material. I filled out the enclosed form assuring your office of the continued high priority this material had for our project on the GRU, and mailed it on March 10, 1997, well within the 30 days requested.

Hearing nothing further, I twice inquired by letter as to the status of my request (July 19, 1999 and April 5, 2000). I received no answer to either of this inquiries.

Let me reiterate in the strongest possible way: I continue to maintain the highest possible interest in obtaining the [redacted] material as soon as possible. This material will be used in the first full history in English of Soviet military intelligence (GRU). My co-author (a member of the intelligence community) and I commit to paying all fees associated with this request in order to expedite the release process. However, I

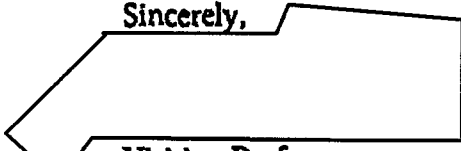
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continue to request a waiver of fees because disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest and is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the U.S. government, and is not primarily in my commercial interest.

I appreciate your talking with me today and hope that this request can be expedited with all possible haste. If there is anything I can do to assist in this process please do not fail to let me know. I look forward to working with you.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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