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Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA)  
ATT: PO/FOIA  
Washington, D.C. 20340-5100

Dear Mr. Richardson:

This is a request for information made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, (FOIA).

I hereby request copies of all records, notes, electronic information in the control or custody of the U.S. Department of Defense, described bellow:

Any and all records concerning the Zapatista Army of National Liberation, also known as the EZLN, or Ejército Zapatista de Liberación Nacional.

The EZLN is a rebel armed group in Chiapas, Mexico.

This would include, but not limited to, links to other rebel groups, political parties, government officials, religious groups, media, non-Mexican groups and drug trafficking organizations.

My request is for records covering the period from January 1, 1995 to the present date.

Please obtain approval from me before incurring any expenses in excess of \$25.00. However, I request a waiver of fees. My interest in the records is not a commercial interest, and disclosure is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to the public's understanding of government activities.

I am the Washington correspondent for *El Financiero*, an independent Mexican daily. *El Financiero* has been published for over 14 years and specializes in investigative reporting. I am strongly depending on being able to have access to such records to be able to conclude a story I have been working on which I believe to be in the public interest.

I would appreciate a response within the 10 working days prescribed by law. If for any reason your decision is to deny me any of the requested information, I request precise information as to why the request information has been denied, as well as an explanation of my appeal procedure.

Thank you for your assistance.

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