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Dear Mr. Ferroggiaro:

This is in response to your letter dated 24 August 2000 in which you appealed on behalf of your former associate Ms. Elizabeth McQuerry the 9 May 2000 determination of this Agency in response to her 27 July 1990 Freedom of Information Act request for 22 CIA intelligence information reports.

Specifically, you appealed our determination to deny Ms. McQuerry access to material in its entirety on the basis of Freedom of Information Act exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).

Your appeal has been presented to the appropriate member of the Agency Release Panel, the Information Review Officer for the Directorate of Operations. Pursuant to the authority delegated under paragraph 1900.43 of Chapter XIX, Title 32 of the Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.), the Information Review Officer has reviewed the material, the determination made with respect to it, and the propriety of the application of the Freedom of Information Act exemptions asserted with respect to the material. It has been determined that the material must continue to be withheld in its entirety on the basis of Freedom of Information Act exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).

Further, in regard to your appeal and in accordance with CIA regulations appearing at 32 C.F.R. paragraph 1900.41(c)(2), the Agency Release Panel has affirmed this determination.

Mr. William Ferroggiaro

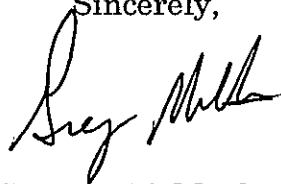
Exemption (b)(1) pertains to matters which are specifically authorized under criteria established by Executive Order 12958 to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and which are currently and properly classified.

Exemption (b)(3) pertains to information exempt from disclosure by statute. The relevant statutes are Subsection 103(c)(6) of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, 50 U.S.C. §403-3(c)(6), which makes the Director of Central Intelligence responsible for protecting intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure, and Section 6 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, as amended, 50 U.S.C. §403g, which exempts from the disclosure requirement information pertaining to the organization, functions, names, official titles, salaries, or numbers of personnel employed by the Agency.

In accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, you have the right to seek judicial review of this determination in a United States district court.

We appreciate your patience while your appeal was being considered.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Greg Moulton".

Gregory M. Moulton  
Executive Secretary  
Agency Release Panel