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Ms. Barbara Freimann
FOIA Coordinator
National Reconnaissance Office
14675 Lee Road
Chantilly, Virginia 20151-1715

Dear Ms. Freimann:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act as amended (5 U.S.C. 522). I request copies of:

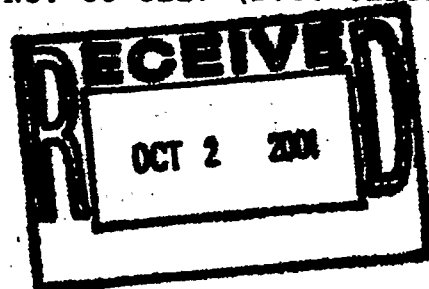
Hans Mark, "Final Report of the DNRO," October 1979, DNRO
[Charyk, McMillan, Flax, McLucas] Final Reports [1963-1972].

John McLucas, "Final Report of the DNRO," 1973.

The FOIA provides that if only portions of a record are exempted from release, the remainder must be released. I therefore request that I be provided with all nonexempt portions which are reasonably segregable. I particularly request that it be kept in mind that there may exist reasonably segregable portions of classified paragraphs. I also request that any present classified material be considered for declassification.

To permit an intelligent, informed decision as to whether or not to file an administrative appeal of any denial decision, I also request that you describe in detail the withheld records (or portions thereof) and explain the logical and factual basis for exemption claims. See Mead Data v. Department of the Air Force 566 F.2d 242, 251 (D.C. Cir. 1977).

I also request a fee waiver. The fee waiver provisions under section 552 (a) (4) (A) of the FOIA, as amended on April 25, 1987, rewrote section 552 (a) (4) (A) to create categories of requesters entitled to fee waivers. Under those provisions, I qualify for exemption from fees in the "news media" category. In a recent decision, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. circuit unanimously held that for FOIA fee waiver purposes "representatives of the news media" includes any individuals who regularly publish or disseminate information to the public. (See National Security Archive v. U.S. Department of Defense, No. 88-5217 (D.C. Circuit, July 28, 1989).



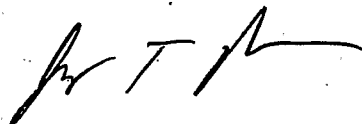
I easily meet this criteria as a result of my books (The U.S. Intelligence Community (Westview, 4th ed.1999); American Espionage and the Soviet Target (Morrow, 1987); America's Secret Eyes in Space (Harper & Row 1990); A Century of Spies: Intelligence in the Twentieth Century (Oxford University Press, 1995, America's Space Sentinels: DSP Satellites and National Security (University Press of Kansas, 1999), and The Wizards of Langley: Inside the CIA's Directorate of Science and Technology (Westview, 2001), and newspaper and magazine articles. (A vita is available upon request). The information in the documents I request is to be incorporated into similar publications that will further public knowledge and understanding of activities in the area of national security.

I also qualify for favored treatment under the "all other requesters" category because my work has and is highly likely to continue to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations and activities of the government. For example, The U.S. Intelligence Community is used in numerous university courses throughout the United States (including at the Air Force Academy) as well as being used by newspaper reporters as a reference guide to the U.S. intelligence community.

My intended use of the material request above, in light of my extensive publication record, clearly meets the criteria established by statute and case law for preferred fee status under the FOIA as a representative of the news media. As such a representative I am entitled to have search and review fees waived. And given the contribution of my work to enhancing public understanding of the government operations I request that you also waive reproduction fees.

I look forward to your response within the statutory time period. If you have any questions about this request or any other matters, please contact me at (703)-684-8274 (phone) or (703)-684-0879 (fax).

Sincerely,



Jeffrey T. Richelson