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Washington, D.C. 20505

TO: Department of Treasury
Room 1306
Main Treasury Building
1500 & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20220

8 August 1997

FROM: Information and Privacy Coordinator
Central Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT: FOIA/PA Request of Edwin Rothschild

CIA FOIA/PA No. F94-1999 CIA APPEAL

In connection with the review of CIA files responsive to the above request, the following was surfaced:

A. FOR YOUR DIRECT RESPONSE TO THE REQUESTER:

- [10] ~~document(s)~~ which originated with your agency and is/are being referred for direct response to the requester (enclosure A). We will advise the requester of this referral.
- a. Document(s) numbered 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 9 We have identified the CIA-originated information in the document(s), and have no objection to its release.
- b. Document(s) numbered 5 and 8 We have been unable to identify any information having originated with this Agency. If, as a result of your review of the source documents, information is identified which originated with this Agency, you are requested to coordinate this information with us prior to any release to the requester.
- c. Document(s) numbered _____ Deletions have been made in each enclosed copy which consist of non-substantive internal markings, such as filing instructions. Since these markings will not appear on your file copy, no deletion or exemption for deletion should be necessary. If, however, you are unable to locate your file copy and must use the enclosed copy for your response, the requester should be advised that non-substantive deletions have been made by this Agency under [] FOIA exemption (b)(3)/[] PA exemption (j)(1).
- d. Document(s) numbered 1 (b)(3) and 10 (b)(1), (b)(3) Substantive information has been deleted from this material as marked. The requester should be informed of this denial and of the FOIA/PA exemption(s) claimed. Please see additional information given under Comments.

[] Additional information about this/these document(s) is given under Comments.

B. FOR YOUR REVIEW AND RESPONSE BACK TO THIS AGENCY:

[] _____ CIA document(s) containing information provided by this Agency (enclosure _____). Please review your information and return the document(s) to us, marking any deletions you deem appropriate, citing FOIA/PA exemption(s) claimed, and stating the current and proper level of any classified information. In your response, please cite the date of this memo, the name of the requester, and the CIA case number.

[X] Additional information about this/these document(s) is given under Comments.

A copy of the requester's initial letter and any other significant correspondence are enclosed for your records (enclosure ~~B~~). If you have any questions, please contact Charlie C. on (703) 613-1323.

COMMENTS: We recommend the 10 documents be coordinated with the Department of State prior to release.

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Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, Citizen Action hereby requests all records, including memoranda, analyses, data, correspondence and other information relating to the 1983 Inter-Agency Task Force study on the question of falling oil prices chaired by the Department of Treasury under the direction of former Deputy Treasury Secretary Tim McNamar. This request also relates to any and all records that pertain to subsequent updates or revisions of the original 1983 study that were conducted in 1984 and again in 1985.

It is our understanding that the Central Intelligence Agency participated in this study and provided the Department of Treasury with analyses, comments and other materials. In fact, Agency personnel testified before the Senate Energy Committee on February 18, 1983 and again on January 27, 1984 on the world petroleum situation. Based on information we have obtained from other sources, it is clear that the Agency provided the Department of Treasury with analyses and other information on the impact of a decline in oil prices on various regions of the world.

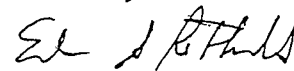
Citizen Action is a non-profit, public interest organization and intends to use this information as part of a long-term study on oil policy during the 1980s. We believe that this request falls within the appropriate guidelines for a waiver of fees, because the information disclosed is likely to contribute to a greater understanding of the activities of the U.S. Government, specifically relating to international and domestic petroleum policy. Citizen Action is not a commercial enterprise. While we do publish reports, these reports are made available at no charge to government agencies, the U.S. Congress, state agencies, universities and the media. On some reports Citizen Action seeks to recoup copying and mailing costs from companies and firms in the private sector who seek copies of the report.

The request is directly related to operations of the government, because it seeks to obtain records relating to an issue of policy -- the impact of a decline in oil prices -- that had widespread economic and national security ramifications for the nation. The information will contribute to the public's understanding of the issue, especially since public opinion polls have shown that many citizens do not understand the role of oil, of oil production, oil imports, etc. in our economy. Clearly, disclosure of the information will contribute significantly to the public's understanding, since the Central Intelligence Agency provided its unique expertise regarding the impact of a decline in oil prices on the various regions of the world, on the U.S. and world economy and on U.S. national security. Moreover, because large changes in oil prices have had a significant impact on U.S. economic activity, information relating to the government's position regarding oil prices must also be significant.

Citizen Action states that it has no direct or indirect commercial interest in the information requested.

Similar requests for records have been submitted to the Department of State, the Department of Commerce, the Department of Defense, the National Security Council, and the Department of Energy.

Sincerely,



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