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Dear Mr. Ferroggiaro:

This acknowledges receipt of your 3 September 2002 letter (Archive reference number 20020486CIA059) requesting records under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Specifically, your request is for records pertaining to:

**the CIA's implementation of US Attorney General  
Ashcroft's 12 October 2001 memorandum on the Freedom  
of Information Act.**

For identification purposes we have assigned your request the number referenced above. Please refer to this number in future correspondence.

Based on the National Security Archive's agreement to pay copying fees, we have accepted your request; it will be processed in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, and the CIA Information Act, 50 U.S.C. § 431. Our search will be for documents in existence as of and through the date of this acceptance letter.

The heavy volume of FOIA requests received by the Agency has created delays in processing. Since we cannot respond within the 20 working days stipulated by the Act, you have the right to consider this as a denial and may appeal to the Agency Release Panel. It would seem more reasonable, however, to have us continue processing your request and respond as soon as we can. You can appeal any denial of records at that time. Unless we hear from you otherwise, we will assume that you agree, and we will proceed on this basis.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Kathryn I. Dyer', written in dark ink.

Kathryn I. Dyer  
Information and Privacy Coordinator