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Dear Mr. Gaffney:

This is the Freedom of Information Division (FOID), Office of Litigation Support, interim response to your June 10, 2004, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request referred to this office by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). CIA forwarded documents responsive to your request to this office for review and direct reply to you, on behalf of your client Institute for Policy Studies. The enclosed 13 documents (137 pages) is the first set of documents responsive to your FOIA request for records which mention or relate to the Columbian organization known as the "PEPES" or the Perseguidos por Pable Escobar.

The CIA and the appropriate Department of Defense components conducted a thorough review of the documents, and determined certain information is exempt from release. The information withheld from release is properly and currently classified and is protected from disclosure in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(1) pursuant to Executive order 13526, as amended, 1.4(a) Military Plans or Operations; 1.4(c) Intelligence Activities. Additional information is exempt from release under 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(3), as it relates 50 U.S.C §3024(i), Intelligence Sources and Methods; 50 U.S.C §3507, CIA Functions and Information and 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), personal privacy information.

Appellate rights are moot as your request is currently in litigation.

Sincerely,

  
for Paul J. Jacobsmeyer  
Chief

Enclosures:  
Thirteen Documents (137 Pages)