



**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
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Dear Mr. Gaffney:

This is the Freedom of Information Division (FOID), Office of Litigation Support, second 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 16 documents (105 pages) is the second 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(c) intelligence activities and 1.4(d) foreign relations or foreign activities of the United States, including confidential sources. Additional information is exempt from release under 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(3), as it relates to 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 and 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(e), information compiled for law enforcement purposes, the release of which would disclose techniques, procedures or guidelines for investigations or prosecutions.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul J. Jacobsmeyer", is written over the typed name and title.

Paul J. Jacobsmeyer  
Chief