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Mr. Derek Mead
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Dear Mr. Mead:

We received your 17 June 2014 correspondence on 24 June 2014 appealing our 3 June 2014 final response to your Freedom of Information Act request for copies of records regarding the vacuum cleaner designed by Khalid Sheikh Mohammed while detained in Romania by the Central Intelligence Agency, including any plans, sketches, or personal documents of Mohammed's related to the vacuum cleaner. Please continue to use this case reference number so that we can more easily identify your appeal.

You are appealing our initial-level determination to neither confirm nor deny you material responsive to your request. ***Your appeal has been accepted and arrangements are being made for its consideration by the Agency Release Panel.***

You will be advised of the panel's determination. In order to afford requesters the most equitable treatment possible, we have adopted the policy of handling appeals on a first-received, first-out basis. Despite our best efforts, however, the large number of public access requests CIA receives creates processing delays making it unlikely that we can respond to you within 20 working days. In view of this, some delay in our reply must be expected, but every reasonable effort will be made to respond as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michele Meeks".

Michele Meeks
Information and Privacy Coordinator