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Dear Requester:

On 28 October 2021, the Office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator received your 12 October 2021 correspondence in which you submitted, under the Freedom of Information Act, the following questions:

1. **Mr. Helms was accompanied on these visits by his wife and a small number of staff (4 in number [you] believe). Is there any information of who these four individuals were, or what positions they held? Who were they?**
2. **Did these four include any individual with financial responsibility for whatever business was discussed or transacted during these visits?**
3. **On what earlier date was the decision made that Mr. Helms should make this visit?**
4. **During the period July-August 1972, where was Mr. Sidney Gottlieb, Head of the Technical Services Division?**
5. **Did Mr. Gottlieb make any overseas visits during this period? Did he visit Sydney (Australia)? Did any deputy to Mr. Gottlieb visit Sydney?**
6. **If such a visit did occur, what were the dates of travel (arrival in, and departure from Sydney)?**
7. **If such a visit did occur, on what date was the decision made that Mr. Gottlieb (or one of his deputies) should make this visit?**

CIA assigned your request the reference number provided above. Citing this number in future correspondence will allow us to more efficiently locate your case information.

Please be advised that the FOIA does not require federal agencies to answer questions or to create new records in order to respond to a request. Because your request seeks answers to specific questions, and is not a request for agency records, we must decline to process your request.

If you have any questions regarding this response, you may contact this office at (703) 613-1287.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Lilly".

Mark Lilly
Information and Privacy Coordinator