



May 10, 2023

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Via email: 144078-72176130@requests.muckrock.com

Dear Ms. Newby:

This letter is an amendment to our letter dated April 3, 2023, regarding your Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR) received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated April 3, 2023, assigned 23-00953-FOIA, for

The memos, reports and/or summaries of all investigations related to the Lyme disease, encephalitis virus, and rickettsial outbreaks in Conn., NJ, and NY to/from CDC staff, CDC officials, and EIS officers for the years 1972 thru 1986. Search under the names of EIS officers Allen Steere, David R. Snyderman and Walter Stamm (73-75); Alan Barbour (72-74); Martin J. Blaser and David Dennis (79-81); and Lyle R. Petersen (85-86).

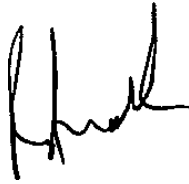
On May 10, 2023, Leigh Davidi, of our office, advised you that after further review of your request categorization, you were mistakenly categorized as a “News Media” requester. Therefore, this letter is to inform you that you are categorized as an “other requester.” Moreover, because you are considered an “Other requester” you are entitled to two hours of free search time, and up to 100 pages of duplication (or the cost equivalent of other media) without charge, and you will not be charged for review time. We may charge for search time beyond the first two hours and for duplication beyond the first 100 pages. (10 cents/page).

However, you requested that we waive fees associated with processing your request. Ms. Davidi also advised you that your request is granted.

You may check on the status of your case on our FOIA webpage <https://foia.cdc.gov/app/Home.aspx> and entering your assigned request number. If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact me at 770-488-6298 or via email at ldavidi@cdc.gov.

We reasonably anticipate that you should receive documents by Monday, June 26, 2023. Please know that this date roughly estimates how long it will take the Agency to close requests ahead of your request in the queue and complete work on your request. The actual date of completion might be before or after this estimated date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Andoh', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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