

# EXHIBIT C



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May 23, 2023  
FOIA-00173-2023

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Dear Dr. Godoy:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated May 08, 2023 and is an interim response. You requested:

- **Copies of all documents contained in the "Central America Joint Intelligence Team (CAJIT) Records 1983-1992," described on this SF-135 "Records Transmittal and Receipt" form as having accession number 373-94-0051 and consisting of 50 boxes of hardcopy documents. Archivists at NARA have confirmed to us as recently as February 2023 that these CAJIT records only exist in hardcopy form, in a series of 50 boxes currently located in the Washington National Records Center (WNRC) in the Suitland Federal Complex in Suitland, Maryland. While the WNRC is a NARA facility, NARA archivists have also confirmed that the documents are in legal custody of the DIA, and only the DIA can therefore authorize their release to the public.**

We received your request on May 23, 2023 and assigned it case number FOIA-00173-2023. Please use this number on all future correspondence with us regarding your request.

We are unable to respond to your request within the statutory 20 days' response period due to one or more of the following reasons, which are defined in the statute as "unusual circumstances": (I) the need to search for and collect the requested records from field facilities or other establishments that are separate from the office processing the request; (II) the need to search for, collect, and appropriately examine a voluminous amount of separate and distinct records which are demanded in a single request; or (III) the need for consultation, which shall be conducted with all practicable speed, with another agency having a substantial interest in the determination of the request or among two or more components of the agency having substantial subject-matter interest therein.

At this stage of processing your request, we cannot provide an estimated date of completion. As analysis and processing of your request continues, a case officer might be better able to provide an estimate, and at that time, we will provide you with a further interim response. As worded, your request has the potential to involve thousands of pages per box and an equal amount of manhours to process, possibly resulting in an office work stoppage to complete. However, if you'd like to discuss the complexity of your request to come to an accord on it's processing please contact the FOIA Office at (301) 394-6253 to speak with Anthony Kenon.

We typically process requests in the order of receipt. Our backlog currently is in excess of 1,200 requests. The time it takes to respond to a request will vary depending on the complexity of the request and any backlog of requests already pending. If your request is complex, a case officer may contact you to discuss options for expediting your request, including: (I) narrowing the scope or focus of your request or increasing its specificity; (II) specifically describing record(s) you are looking for with additional descriptive details; and (III) including specific event-related information.

We regret that there is currently a substantial delay in processing requests and solicit your patience and understanding. We will process your request as soon as possible. Our FOIA Requester Service Center is available to assist you with any question about the status of your request and any steps you can take to receive a potentially quicker response. For questions, please contact the FOIA Requester Service Center or our FOIA Public Liaison, preferably via email at [FOIA1@dodis.mil](mailto:FOIA1@dodis.mil), or at 301-394-6253. DIA's FOIA website is: [www.dia.mil/FOIA](http://www.dia.mil/FOIA).

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services that they offer. You may contact OGIS at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov), toll-free 1-877-684-6448, phone 202-741-5770, fax 202-741-5769, or the following address:

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