

Central Intelligence Agency



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Reference: F-2013-00195

Dear Mr. Lesar:

On 26 October 2012, the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator received your 19 October 2012 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for:

1. All records pertaining to any plot to assassinate Adolph Hitler, including, but not limited to, all records in any way reflecting or referencing the CIA's study in 1963 of plots to assassinate Hitler.
2. All records on or pertaining to communications by or with Allen Dulles regarding plots to assassinate Adolph Hitler during Dulles's service in the Office of Policy Coordination (OPC), the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).
3. All index entries or other records reflecting the search for records responsive to this request in its original or amended form, including all search terms used with each of the components searched.

We have assigned your request the reference number above. Please use this number when corresponding so that we can identify it easily.

With regard to Item 1, we can conduct a search for records pertaining to any plot to assassinate Adolph Hitler. However, the portion on the CIA's study in 1963 of plots to assassinate Hitler was addressed in our 11 October 2012 response under reference number F-2012-02068 which you subsequently appealed.

With respect to Item 2, we can conduct a search for records on or pertaining to communications by Allen Dulles regarding plots to assassinate Adolph Hitler during his service in the CIA. The portion on communications during his service with the OPC and the OSS, please refer to our 27 September 2012 response regarding the OSS portion under reference number F-2012-02068 wherein we referred you to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). The portion regarding the OPC would also be referred to NARA, as records of the OSS and other predecessor organizations (OPC) are referred to NARA. We note that you did not previously reference OPC in your earlier request.

We can also conduct a search for records concerning Item 3 of your request.

The CIA Information Act, 50 U.S.C. § 431, as amended, exempts CIA operational files from the search, review, publication, and disclosure requirements of the FOIA. To the extent your request seeks information that is subject to the FOIA, we accept your request, and we will process it in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended. We will search for records up to and including the date the Agency starts its search. In accordance with our regulation, as a matter of administrative discretion, the Agency has waived the fees for this request.

The large number of FOIA requests CIA receives has created unavoidable delays making it unlikely that we can respond within the 20 working days the FOIA requires. You have the right to consider our honest appraisal as a denial of your request and you may appeal to the Agency Release Panel. A more practical approach would permit us to continue processing your request and respond to you as soon as we can. You will retain your appeal rights and, once you receive the results of our search, can appeal at that time if you wish. We will proceed on that basis unless you object.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michele Meeks".

Michele Meeks  
Information and Privacy Coordinator