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30 January 2015

Mr. Joshua Eaton MuckRock News DEPT MR 14538 P.O. Box 55819 Boston, MA 02205-5819

Reference: F-2015-00722

Dear Mr. Eaton:

On 2 January 2015, the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator received your 2 January 2015 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for any and all emails between (a) Senator Mark Udall and (b) CIA Director John Brennan concerning the so-called Panetta Review of the CIA's enhanced interrogation program. [You] are requesting emails produced between Nov. 20, 2013 and the date this request is received and processed. We have assigned your request the reference number above. Please use this number when corresponding so that we can identify it easily.

Please note that we cannot search for emails between the staff of Senator Mark Udall or the staff of the CIA Director John Brennan as we would need the names of each staff member. Therefore we cannot accept that portion 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 regulations, 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,

John Giuffrida
Acting Information and Privacy Coordinator