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Dear Mr. Lee:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated September 24, 2019 and is an interim response. You requested:

- *All intelligence (HUMINT, SIGINT, or any other intelligence type) reports, evaluations, analyses, assessments, and collection activities-including finished intelligence products, Intelligence Information Reports ("IIR's), document exploitation reports ("DOCEX"), source-directed requirements ("SDR's"), Tactical Interrogation Reports ("TIR's:), information papers, and Defense Intelligence Assessments-concerning or referencing any of the following six (6) subjects:*
 1. *Jaysh al-Mahdi (a/k/a Jaysh al-Mehdi, Jaish al-Mahdi, Jaish al-Mehdi, The Mehdi Army, The Mahdi Army, the Mahdi Militia, or JAM); or*
 2. *Muqtada al-Sadr (a/k/a Muqtada Sadr, or Muktada al-Sadr); or*
 3. *The Iraqi Ministry of Health (a/k/a MOH, Ministry of Health, Health Ministry, or Minister of Health); or*
 4. *Kimadia (a/k/a Kemadia, Kimadiya, or Kamadia); or*
 5. *The Facilities Protection Service ("FPS"); or*
 6. *Any so called "Special Group," cell, or militia affiliated with Jaysh al-Mahdi, such as Asa'ib Ahl al-Haq ("AAH") (a/k/a Asaib Ahl al-Haqq, Asaib Ahl al-Haq, or the League of the Righteous).*

We received your request on October 04, 2019 and assigned it case number FOIA-00009-2020. 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 will better be able to provide an estimate, and at that time, we will provide you with a further interim response.

We typically process requests in the order of receipt. Our backlog currently is in excess of 1,600 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 FOIA@dodiis.mil, or at 301-394-5587. DIA's FOIA website is: <https://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, toll-free 1-877-684-6448, phone 202-741-5770, fax 202-741-5769, or the following address:

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Sincerely,

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Chief, Records Management and Information Services

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