

Central Intelligence Agency



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Ms. Rukmini Callimachi
The New York Times
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Montclair, NJ 07043

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Dear Ms. Callimachi:

On 27 November 2019, the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator received your 26 November 2019 correspondence requesting records under the Freedom of Information Act. This is a quick acknowledgement to advise you that we received your request for:

1. Any and all studies, memos, assessments, and intelligence products, mentioning or referring to Mihail Horia Botez (also known as "Mihai Botez").
2. Any and all emails mentioning or referring to Mihai Botez, his dissidence, his exile in America or his death.
3. Any and all correspondence to or from a member of Congress or a Congressional Committee mentioning or referring to Mihai Botez, his dissidence, his exile in America or his death.
4. Any and all records sent to or received from the State Department or the FBI mentioning or referring to Mihai Botez.

Your request was assigned the reference number above. Please use this number when corresponding so that we can identify the case easily.

Our officers will review and process your request in more detail and will only communicate to you if they should encounter any problems or if they cannot begin the search without additional information or clarification. We will search for CIA-originated records up to and including the date the Agency starts its search.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Lilly".

Mark Lilly
Information and Privacy Coordinator

Exhibit B