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Date: Tue, Jan 28, 2020 at 3:33 PM

Subject: FOIA regarding UM0215

To: <markal11@ucia.gov>, <cia_foia@ucia.gov>

Dear Mr. Lilly -

On January 27, 2020, I filed a Freedom of Information request asking for records pertaining to UM0215, a Romanian intelligence unit, known to be active post-1989, including on American soil.

On January 28, I received a voicemail message from an unidentified caller at the CIA (which I am enclosing as an attachment to this email). The caller said that he worked for the CIA and left a message stating that my request had been closed and that I should petition the FBI for these records. After researching this matter with my counsel, I believe that this is a violation of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 and the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552a.

The FOIA law calls for my request to be processed. By closing my request outright, I am being denied my appeal rights.

I am writing today to ask you please to reopen my request and for it to be properly processed. If it is the case that your agency has no records on file regarding this foreign intelligence unit, known to have operated on American soil, then I would please like to have that information in writing, and not via a phone call from an unnamed CIA employee.

Please find enclosed my original request.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,
Rukmini

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