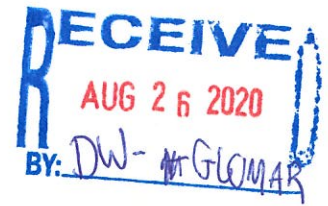


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Dear Ms. Sloan:

This letter is a final response concerning your 13 August 2020 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received in the Office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator on 14 August 2020, for **any President's Daily Brief articles, from January 1, 2020 through the date the search is conducted, regarding any Russian (or G.R.U.) payments (or "bounties") to Afghan militants (including Tabiban-linked networks) to incentivize attacks on American or coalition Troops.** This office assigned your request the reference number given above. Please cite this number in future correspondence, so that we may identify your case information easily.

In accordance with Section 3.6(a) of Executive Order 13526, the CIA can neither confirm nor deny the existence or nonexistence of records responsive to your request. The fact of the existence or nonexistence of such records is itself currently and properly classified and is intelligence sources and methods information protected from disclosure by Section 6 of the CIA Act of 1949, as amended, and Section 102A(i)(1) of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended. Therefore, your request is denied pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).

As the CIA Information and Privacy Coordinator, I am the CIA official responsible for this determination. You may appeal this response to the Agency Release Panel, in care of my office, within 90 days from the date of this letter. Please include the basis of your appeal.

Please be advised that you may seek dispute resolution services from the CIA's FOIA Public Liaison or from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) of the National Archives and Records Administration. OGIS offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. Please note, contacting CIA's FOIA Public Liaison or OGIS does not affect your right to pursue an administrative appeal.