



7 April 2020

Ms. Melanie Sloan
American Oversight
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Washington, DC 20005

Reference: F-2020-00685

Dear Ms. Sloan:

This is further to our 8 January 2020 letter and is also a final response concerning your 7 January 2020 correspondence, on behalf of American Oversight, requesting records under the Freedom of Information Act. This is a quick acknowledgement to advise you that we received your request for:

Records sufficient to identify any congressional notifications that occurred regarding the U.S. military strike against Iranian Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Quds Force Commander Qasem Soleimani. Responsive records should include but are not limited to briefings, letters, memoranda, formal Congressional Notifications, handwritten or electronic notes taken during calls or meetings, or responsive line items from Congressional Notification tracking system maintained by your agency.

Please provide all responsive records from December 27, 2019, through January 7, 2020.

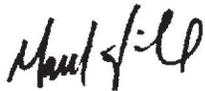
We completed a thorough review of your request and determined that in accordance with Section 3.6(a) of Executive Order 13526, the CIA can neither confirm nor deny the existence or nonexistence of records responsive to your request. The fact of the existence or nonexistence of such records is itself 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 my care, 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.

To contact CIA directly or to appeal the CIA's response to the Agency Release Panel:	To contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) for mediation or with questions:
Central Intelligence Agency Washington, DC 20505 Information and Privacy Coordinator (703) 613-3007 (Fax) (703) 613-1287 (CIA FOIA Public Liaison / FOIA Hotline)	Office of Government Information Services National Archives and Records Administration 8601 Adelphi Road – OGIS College Park, MD 20740-6001 (202) 741-5770 (877) 864-6448 (202) 741-5769 (Fax) ogis@nara.gov

If you have any questions regarding our response, you may contact the CIA's FOIA Hotline at (703) 613-1287.

Sincerely,



Mark Lilly
Information and Privacy Coordinator