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Dear Requester:

This letter serves as a final response to your 2 July 2020 appeal to the CIA Agency Release Panel (ARP), submitted on behalf of American Oversight, of the initial release determination regarding your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request referenced above seeking **records sufficient to identify any congressional notifications that occurred regarding the U.S. military strike against Iranian Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corp 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.**

The ARP carefully considered your petition and has sustained the Agency's initial determination as we relayed it to you in our 7 April 2020 response.

As the Executive Secretary of the ARP, I am the CIA official responsible for informing you that, as a result, your appeal has been ***denied in full***.

In accordance with the provisions of the FOIA, you have the right to seek judicial review of this determination in federal district court. Alternatively, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) offers mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and federal agencies. Using services offered by OGIS does not affect your right to pursue litigation. For more information, please consult the OGIS website at <https://www.archives.gov/ogis>.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please call this office at 703-613-1287.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that appears to read "Stephen Glenn".

Stephen Glenn  
Executive Secretary  
Agency Release Panel