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Mr. Douglas Valentine  
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Reference: F93-2381

Dear Mr. Valentine:

This acknowledges receipt of your 19 January 1994 letter which requests information specifically described below, all of which we assume to be related to the Victims Task Force unless advised otherwise. As you know, on 19 November 1993 you submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request on the overall subject of Victims Task Force. By now you most likely have received our 18 January 1994 letter of acceptance to your 19 November request which crossed in the mail with your 19 January letter.

1. "[A]ll records...relating...to the CIA's investigation of the FBN's [Federal Bureau of Narcotics] involvement in the CIA project identified as MKULTRA... initiated in September 1977, when the CIA informed the DEA that it had conducted drug testing on unwitting unidentified human subjects at safe houses operated by former Federal Bureau of Narcotics personnel at New York and San Francisco from 1953 to 1966."

2. "[A]ll records...relating...to the CIA project...titled the Victims Task Force" to include information pertaining to several specifically identified interviews between DEA and CIA representatives of the Victims Task Force with current and former DEA and CIA and FBN employees at various locations.

3. "...copies of...George White's diaries [one of the perpetrators of MK-ULTRA]...as well as...documents which were generated as a result of the investigators finding those diaries."

4. "[A] copy of DEA representative's 4 April 1979 status report...."

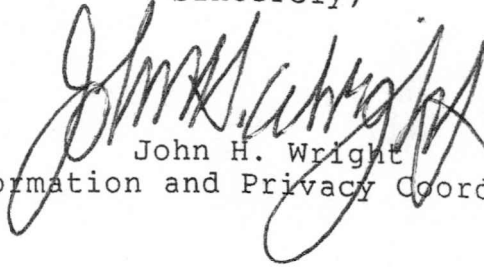
5. "[A] copy of [DCI Turner's] final report to Peter Bensinger" dated 8 July 1979...as well as...other documents...generated as a result of that report."

For your information, the FOIA provides for public access to reasonably described records. This means that a document must be described sufficiently to enable a professional employee familiar with the subject to locate the document without an unreasonable amount of effort. This, with few exceptions, means that documents must be locatable through indexing to our various records systems. The FOIA does not require us to perform research or create records for a requester. Neither are we required to study a body of material to see if any of it is related to a specific event, activity, or incident. To study a body of material to see if any of it relates to the specifics of your request would constitute research which is neither required nor authorized under the FOIA.

For the reasons described above, it will be your responsibility to review whatever releasable records are located in response to your F93-2381 request for records on the Victims Task Force, if any exist, to see if they pertain to the specifics of your 19 January letter.

Meanwhile, we continue to process your request concerning the Victims Task Force and we will provide you with a final response at the earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John H. Wright". The signature is stylized and cursive, written over the typed name and title.

John H. Wright  
Information and Privacy Coordinator