

Central Intelligence Agency



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Mr. Douglas Valentine  
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Dear Mr. Valentine:

This is a response to your 19 November 1993 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for "all records, memorandum, studies, correspondences, cables, notes, summaries, and other documents relating in whole or in part to the CIA project [...] titled the Victims Task Force."

Your request has been processed in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, and the CIA Information Act, 50 U.S.C. § 431. Our processing included a search for records as described in our acceptance letter that were in existence as of and through the date of that letter, 18 January 1994. During our search for records responsive to your request, we located material, and have made the following determinations:

Enclosed at Tab A is one document (numbered 67) which can be released to you in full.

Enclosed at Tab B are 66 documents (numbered 1-66) which can be released in segregable form with deletions made on the basis of FOIA exemptions (b)(1), (b)(3), (b)(5), and (b)(6). The applicable exemptions are marked on each document. Please be advised that the enclosed document numbered 49 is a photostatic copy of 78 pages of the personal diary of the late DEA employee George White. To the best of our knowledge, these pages came into CIA possession during the late 1970s while George White's diary was available for copying at a California college library. Although we refer to these pages as "the George White diary," they appear to be only excerpts from various volumes of his personal diary. These pages are the only portions of George White's diary that we have located. As you may know, US Government documents are generally copyright-free; however, we are unsure as to the

origin of this document, and advise you that it may be the property of a private citizen.

Some of the CIA material located during our search contained information belonging to other agencies. Two agencies, the DEA and the U.S. Army, have not yet completed their reviews of our documents, but we expect their responses within a few weeks. As soon as we receive these responses we will complete our response to you. Our searches also located United States Government material that was not originated by the CIA. This material, as per our standard practice, has been referred to the originating agencies for review and direct response to you. Finally, some of the material located during our search was properly classified, and must be denied in its entirety on the basis of FOIA exemptions (b)(1), (b)(3), (b)(5), and (b)(6). An explanation of these exemptions is enclosed.

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding during the time required to process this request. You will be officially notified of your appeal rights when we have completed the aforementioned third-agency coordination's. You will be hearing from us again soon.

Sincerely,



Kathryn I. Dyer  
Acting Information and Privacy Coordinator

Enclosures