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Washington, D.C. 20505

27 August 2015

Mr. John Greenewald, Jr.



Reference: F-2014-00078

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is a final response to your 25 May 2015 administrative appeal under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) for a copy of the CIA Inspector General's report on Watergate. As a reminder, you appealed our decision to excise material in one document.

The Agency Release Panel considered your petition and fully denied your administrative appeal in accordance with Agency regulations set forth in Part 1900 of Title 32 of the Code of Federal Regulations. In reaching this determination to reaffirm CIA's initial-level processing of this request, the Agency Release Panel concluded the document must continue to be protected from release on the basis of FOIA exemptions (b)(3) and (b)(5). Exemption (b)(3) pertains to information exempt from disclosure by statute. The relevant statutes are Section 6 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, as amended, and Section 102A(i)(1) of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended. As the panel's Executive Secretary, I am the CIA official responsible for informing you of the appellate determination.

In accordance with the provisions of the FOIA, you have the right to seek judicial review of this determination in a United States 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, including how to contact OGIS, please consult its website, <http://ogis/archives.gov>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Lavergne".

Michael Lavergne
Executive Secretary
Agency Release Panel