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Dear Mr. Greenewald:

In the course of processing your 6 April 2018 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for a copy of the **intellipedia entry on Project Coldfeet and/or Operation Coldfeet**, the National Security Agency located CIA material and referred it to us on 25 April 2018 for review and direct response to you.

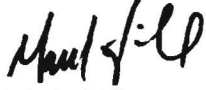
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If you have any questions regarding our response, you may contact the CIA's FOIA Hotline at (703) 613-1287.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Lilly', written in a cursive style.


Mark Lilly  
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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Project COLD FEET was a 1962 CIA operation to extract intelligence from an abandoned Soviet Arctic research station.

The research station had been abandoned after the runway became unusable due to the destruction caused by a pressure ridge,<sup>[1]</sup> and it was assumed that it would be crushed in the Arctic Ocean.<sup>[2]</sup> Two intelligence collectors were dropped by a B-17 aircraft onto the station in an operation organized by the Office of Naval Research, the Defense Intelligence Agency, and the Central Intelligence Agency.<sup>[2]</sup> The team were retrieved seven days later using Roben Fulton's skyhook system. The operation provided intelligence on Soviet anti-submarine warfare and acoustics technology,<sup>[2]</sup> as well as demonstrating that investigators could be retrieved from remote areas.<sup>[1]</sup>

**Paintings in CIA's Intelligence Art Gallery**

Seven Days in the Arctic was painted by Keith Woodcock in 2007 and is an oil on canvas. The painting was donated to the collection by Gar and Audrey Thorsrud. It is part of CIA's Intelligence Art Gallery and is located in the Original Headquarters Building on the first floor in the F Corridor.

**References**

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