Mr. John Greenewald, Jr.

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This responds to your 27 July 2013 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request which was received by this office on 29 July 2013, for a copy of all records this Agency maintains on John Roselli/Rosselli. Your letter has been assigned Case Number 73511. Please refer to this case number when contacting us about your request. Because there are no assessable fees for this request, we did not address your request to be placed in the media fee category.

Based on the information you provided in your letter regarding Mr. Rosselli’s alleged involvement with the CIA, we did a search to determine whether we held any records related to that topic. We found one Christian Science Monitor article from 7 April 1995 titled “Guatemala and CIA’s ‘Sources and Methods’” that has a brief reference to him in the same context as stated in your request, with no further details. Since the information is publicly available, we are not providing a copy.

To the extent that you may be seeking NSA intelligence information on John Roselli/Rosselli, we have determined that the fact of the existence or non-existence of the materials you request is a currently and properly classified matter in accordance with Executive Order 13526, as set forth in Subparagraph (c) of Section 1.4. Thus, your request is denied pursuant to the first exemption of the FOIA which provides that the FOIA does not apply to matters that are specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive Order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign relations and are, in fact properly classified pursuant to such Executive Order.

In addition, this Agency is authorized by various statutes to protect certain information concerning its activities. The third exemption of the FOIA provides for the withholding of information specifically protected from
disclosure by statute. Thus, your request is also denied because the fact of the existence or non-existence of the information is exempted from disclosure pursuant to the third exemption. The specific statutes applicable in this case are Title 18 U.S. Code 798; Title 50 U.S. Code 3024(i) (formerly 50 U.S. Code 403-1(i)); and Section 6, Public Law 86-36 (50 U.S. Code 3605, formerly 50 U.S. Code 402 note).

The Initial Denial Authority for NSA information is the Associate Director for Policy and Records, David J. Sherman. As your request is being denied, you are hereby advised of this Agency’s appeal procedures. Any person denied access to information may file an appeal to the NSA/CSS Freedom of Information Act Appeal Authority. The appeal must be postmarked no later than 60 calendar days of the date of the initial denial letter. The appeal shall be in writing addressed to the NSA/CSS FOIA Appeal Authority (DJ4), National Security Agency, 9800 Savage Road STE 6248, Fort George G. Meade, MD 20755-6248. The appeal shall reference the adverse determination and shall contain, in sufficient detail and particularity, the grounds upon which the requester believes that the determination is unwarranted. The NSA/CSS FOIA Appeal Authority will endeavor to respond to the appeal within 20 working days after receipt, absent any unusual circumstances.

Sincerely,

PAMELA N. PHILLIPS
Chief
FOIA/PA Office