



DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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September 13, 2021

Ryan Sweazey



Dear Mr. Sweazey:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated September 10, 2021 and is an interim response. You requested:

- **Each monthly report* sent from every Operations Coordinator (OPSCO), to the Defense Attaché Service's Geographic Divisions for years 2017-2021 inclusive.**

***Each OPSCO serving abroad is mandated to submit a monthly report to Headquarters, Defense Attaché Service, providing updates regarding the offices' and/or attachés' activities. (Date Range for Record Search: From 1/1/2017 to 9/1/2021)**

We received your request on September 13, 2021 and assigned it case number FOIA-00387-2021. Please use this number on all future correspondence with us regarding your request.

We are unable to respond to your request within the statutory 20 days' response period due to one or more of the following reasons, which are defined in the statute as "unusual circumstances": (I) the need to search for and collect the requested records from field facilities or other establishments that are separate from the office processing the request; (II) the need to search for, collect, and appropriately examine a voluminous amount of separate and distinct records which are demanded in a single request; or (III) the need for consultation, which shall be conducted with all practicable speed, with another agency having a substantial interest in the determination of the request or among two or more components of the agency having substantial subject-matter interest therein.

At this stage of processing your request, we cannot provide an estimated date of completion. As analysis and processing of your request continues, a case officer will better be able to provide an estimate, and at that time, we will provide you with a further interim response.

We typically process requests in the order of receipt. Our backlog currently is in excess of 2,059 requests. The time it takes to respond to a request will vary depending on the complexity of the request and any backlog of requests already pending. If your request is complex, a case officer may contact you to discuss options for expediting your request, including: (I) narrowing the scope or focus of your request or increasing its specificity; (II) specifically describing record(s) you are looking for with additional descriptive details; and (III) including specific event-related information.

We regret that there is currently a substantial delay in processing requests and solicit your patience and understanding. We will process your request as soon as possible. Our FOIA Requester Service Center is available to assist you with any question about the status of your request and any steps you can

take to receive a potentially quicker response. For questions, please contact the FOIA Requester Service Center or our FOIA Public Liaison, preferably via email at FOIA1@dodiis.mil, or at 301-394-6253. DIA's FOIA website is: <https://www.dia.mil/FOIA>.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services that they offer. You may contact OGIS at ogis@nara.gov, toll-free 1-877-684-6448, phone 202-741-5770, fax 202-741-5769, or the following address:

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Sincerely,

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