

Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D.C. 20505

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John H. Clarke
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Re: F-2016-01210; State Case # F-2014-06532; 14-cv-01589

Dear Mr. Clarke:

In the course of processing your 7 April 2014 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request that you submitted on behalf of your client, Accuracy in Media, Inc., the Department of State located CIA material among the responsive documents. The Department of State referred the material to CIA on 4 February 2016 for review and direct response to you. The request was for production of:

- “1. Records generated from August 2009, through October of 2011, regarding Secretary of State Clinton’s recommendations regarding U.S. support to those seeking to oust forces loyal to Colonel Muammar Gaddafi and his government.
2. Records generated from March of 2011 through September of 2012, regarding Secretary of State Clinton’s recommendations to support those seeking to oust forces loyal to the government of Bashar al-Assad.”

We reviewed the referred CIA material in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, and the Section 701 of the National Security Act of 1947, 50 U.S.C. § 3141.

We have determined that the material must be denied in its entirety on the basis of FOIA exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3). Exemption (b)(3) pertains to Section 6 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 U.S.C. § 3507 and Section 102A(i)(1) of the National Security Act of 1947, 50 U.S.C § 3024(i)(1).

This completes our response to the above referenced referral request.

Sincerely,

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

Michael Lavergne
Information and Privacy Coordinator