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Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D.C. 20505

18 May 2016

Mr. John Greenwald, Jr.



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Dear Mr. Greenwald:

This is a final response to your correspondence of 14 April 2016 requesting an Executive Order 13526 mandatory declassification review of **all documents pertaining to Operation Northwoods**.

In accordance with Section 3.6(a) of Executive Order 13526, the CIA can neither confirm nor deny the existence or nonexistence of records responsive to your request. The fact of the existence or nonexistence of requested records is itself classified and is intelligence sources and methods information protected from disclosure by Section 6 of the CIA Act of 1949, as amended, and Section 102A(i)(1) of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended.

As the CIA Information and Privacy Coordinator, I am the CIA official responsible for this determination. You have the right to appeal this response to the Agency Release Panel, in my care, within 45 days from the date of this letter. Please include the basis of your appeal.

Sincerely,

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

Michael Lavergne
Information and Privacy Coordinator