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Dear Mr. Aftergood:

Thank you for your comments regarding the CIA's decennial review of the designation of certain operational files of the Directorate of Operations, the Directorate of Science and Technology, and the Office of Security as exempt from the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) under the CIA Information Act of 1984. Your input was taken under advisement in the 2015 decennial review of CIA's operational files designations. Enclosed for your information is a copy of the Congressional Notification provided to CIA's oversight committees regarding the completion of the decennial review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph W. Lambert".

Joseph W. Lambert
Director, Information Management Services

Enclosure

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Congressional Notification

SUBJECT: (U//~~FOUO~~) Decennial Review of CIA Operational File Designations

1. (U//~~FOUO~~) The purpose of this notification is to keep the Committee fully and currently informed that CIA has completed the 2015 decennial review of operational file designations. This supersedes the decennial review of operational files conducted in 2005.

2. (U//~~FOUO~~) The CIA Information Act of 1984 amended the National Security Act of 1947¹ to provide that the CIA Director (D/CIA) may exempt Directorate of Operations², Directorate of Science and Technology, and Office of Security³ operational files from the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The CIA Information Act of 1984 further provides that not less than every ten years the D/CIA and the Director of National Intelligence (DNI) must review operationally exempt files to validate or modify the file series designated as exempt.

3. (U//~~FOUO~~) In 2015, taking into account the review criteria set forth in the CIA Information Act of 1984, the D/CIA designated the following categories of CIA operational files as exempt from the search, review, publication, and disclosure provisions of the FOIA and coordinated these designations with the ODNI:

Files within the Directorate of Operations

- Personnel files
- Impersonal files
- Operational interest files
- Operational activity files

¹ 50 U.S.C. § 3141.

² The National Security Act has not been amended to reflect the recent name change of the National Clandestine Service to the Directorate of Operations.

³ The National Security Act has not been amended to reflect the recent name change of the Office of Personnel Security to the Office of Security.

⁴ 5 U.S.C. § 552.

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- Policy and management files
- Peripheral file collections

Files within the Directorate of Science and Technology

- Signals intelligence activities files
- Operations and technical support files
- Intelligence collection systems files
- Imagery analysis and exploitation files

Files within the Office of Security

- Provisional and covert security approval files
- Provisional and operational approval files
- Anonymous personnel actions files
- Approval to polygraph for operational purposes files
- Diversified cover officer files
- Contract/external files
- Covert security approval/SECRET files
- National Resources Division and Name Check/Operational Program files
- Industrial Special Security Approval/covert, Industrial Security Approval/covert, and Industrial Special Security Approval/covert reinvestigation files
- Internal/covert files
- Consultant external/operations and consultant/internal operations files

4. (U) Please contact [REDACTED] of the OCA staff at [REDACTED] to request additional information or a briefing.

Approved for Release:

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