

EXHIBIT “1-A”

Central Intelligence Agency



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Dear Mr. Zaid:

On 28 December 2007 the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator received your 27 December 2007 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request made on behalf of your client, Matthew Cole, for copies of any and all:

- A. Records pertaining to the 2005 destruction of videotapes of the interrogations of Zayn Abidin Muhammed Hussein Abu Zubaida (a/k/a Abu Zubaydah) and Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri;
- B. Records, including correspondence, created after September 11, 2001, with Members of Congress or its committees, the 9/11 Commission ("National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States") or the Department of Justice about (1) the existence of videotapes of interrogations of terrorist suspects; (2) requests for access to videotapes of interrogations of terrorist suspect; (3) warnings or instructions not to destroy any videotapes of interrogations of terrorist suspect; and/or (4) any investigation into this Agency's destruction of the tapes identified in (a);
- C. Records of interrogatory or document production requests, or any records discussing CIA responses thereto, received as part of any criminal prosecutions that sought acknowledgment of the existence and/or copies of videotape interrogations of terrorist suspects since September 11, 2001;
- D. Records of Freedom of Information Act requests received by this Agency after September 11, 2001, for copies of any records pertaining to videotape interrogations of terrorist suspects;
- E. Records pertaining to (a) that specifically reflect the identity of the attorney within this Agency's Office of General Counsel who approved the destruction of the videotapes and any records setting forth the policy or legal analysis underlying that conclusion.

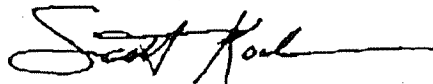
We have assigned your request the reference number above. Please use this number when corresponding so that we can identify it easily.

The CIA Information Act, 50 U.S.C. § 431, as amended, exempts CIA operational files from the search, review, publication, and disclosure requirements of the FOIA. To the extent your request seeks information that is subject to the FOIA, we accept your request and will process it in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, and the CIA Information Act, and, unless you object, search only for CIA-originated records existing through the date of this acceptance letter. As a matter of administrative discretion, we have waived any fees associated with the processing of your FOIA request.

We have reviewed your request for expedited processing and determined that it meets the criteria. Therefore, we grant your request.

The large number of FOIA requests CIA receives has created unavoidable delays making it unlikely that we can respond within the 20 working days the FOIA requires. You have the right to consider our honest appraisal as a denial of your request and you may appeal to the Agency Release Panel. A more practical approach would permit us to continue processing your request and respond to you as soon as we can. You will retain your appeal rights and, once you receive the results of our search, can appeal at that time if you wish. We will proceed on that basis unless you object.

Sincerely,



Scott Koch
Information and Privacy Coordinator