

Central Intelligence Agency



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Mr. Nick Schwellenbach
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Dear Mr. Schwellenbach:

Your letter of 30 November 2005 requested an Executive Order 12958 mandatory declassification review of "the Iraqi weapons declaration on chemical, biological and nuclear programs to the United Nations Security Council required under paragraph 3 of Security Council resolution 1441 delivered by Iraq in December 2002."

The CIA can neither confirm nor deny the existence or nonexistence of records responsive to your request. Such information—unless it has been officially acknowledged—would be classified for reasons of national security under Executive Order 12958. The fact of the existence or nonexistence of such records would also relate directly to information concerning intelligence sources and methods. The Director of Central Intelligence has the responsibility and authority to protect such information from unauthorized disclosure in accordance with Subsection 103(c)(6) of the National Security Act of 1947 and Section 6 of the CIA Act of 1949. Therefore, your request is denied under Section 3.6(a) of the Order (As Amended 2003).

You may appeal this decision by addressing your appeal to the Agency Release Panel, in my care, within 60 days from the date of this letter. Should you choose to do this, please explain the basis of your appeal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Koch".

Scott Koch
Information and Privacy Coordinator