

Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D.C. 20505

5 August 2014

Mr. Rich Jones
MuckRock News
DEPT MR 11778
P.O. Box 55819
Boston, MA 02205-5819

Reference: F-2014-01610

Dear Mr. Jones:

This responds to your 8 June 2014 letter appealing our 2 June 2014 final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for any and all documents mentioning the website Cryptocomb.org and/or the email address cryptocomb@gmail.com. Specifically, you appealed our initial determination to neither confirm nor deny you material responsive to your request.

The Agency Release Panel (ARP) considered your appeal and determined that, 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 currently and properly classified and relates to intelligence sources and methods information that is 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. Therefore, in accordance with Agency regulations set forth in part 1900 of title 32 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the ARP has denied your appeal on the basis of FOIA exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).

In accordance with the provisions of the FOIA, you have the right to seek judicial review of this determination in a United States district court. Alternatively, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) offers mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and federal agencies. Using services offered by OGIS does not affect your right to pursue litigation. For more information, including how to contact OGIS, please consult its website, <http://ogis/archives.gov>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michele Meeks".

Michele Meeks
Executive Secretary
Agency Release Panel