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Dear Requester:

This letter is a final response to your 12 January 2021 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for all records mentioning Simone de Beauvoir (9 January 1908 – 14 April 1986) – French philosopher and feminist activist. We processed your request in accordance with the FOIA (5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, and the CIA Information Act, 50 U.S.C. § 3141, as amended).

Our processing included a search for records that would reveal a publicly acknowledged Agency association with the subject of your request existing up to and including the date the Agency started its search. We located no responsive documents.

To the extent that your request also seeks records, if any exist, that would reveal an unacknowledged or classified association with the subject of your request, in accordance with Section 3.6(a) of Executive Order 13526, we can neither confirm nor deny the existence or nonexistence of such records. The admission of existence or nonexistence of such records is a fact that is exempt under FOIA. You may consider this finding a denial of this portion of your request pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3). Exemption (b)(3) pertains to information exempt from disclosure by statute. In this case, the relevant statutes are Section 6 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 U.S.C. § 3507, as amended, and Section 102A(i)(l) of the National Security Act of 1947, 50 U.S.C. § 3024(i)(1), 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 90 days from the date of this letter. Please include the basis of your appeal.

Please be advised that you may seek dispute-resolution services from the CIA FOIA Public Liaison or from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) of the National Archives and Records Administration. OGIS offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. Please note, contacting CIA's FOIA Public Liaison or OGIS does not affect your right to pursue an administrative appeal.

To contact CIA directly with questions or to appeal the CIA's response to the Agency Release Panel:	To contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) for mediation or with questions:
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Sincerely,

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