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Dear Requester:

This letter is an acknowledgement of and a final response to your 6 April 2021 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received in the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator on 6 April 2021, for:

Internal records related to the yearly “DEFCON” conference taking place in Las Vegas, NV. [You requested] responsive documents [be limited] to anything generated between the years of January 1993 and the date of processing of this request.

CIA assigned your request the reference number provided above. In future correspondence, please use this number to facilitate this office’s location of your case information.

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 such records is itself currently and properly classified and is intelligence sources and methods information 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, your request is denied pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).

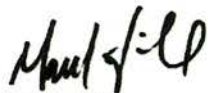
As the CIA Information and Privacy Coordinator, I am the CIA official responsible for this determination. You may appeal this response to the Agency Release Panel, in my care, within 90 days from the date of this letter. Please include the basis of your appeal.

Please be advised that you may seek dispute resolution services from the CIA’s 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.

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| To contact CIA directly 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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If you have any questions regarding our response, you may contact this office at (703) 613-1287.

Sincerely,



Mark Lilly
Information and Privacy Coordinator