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Re: Request under the FOIA, in reply please refer to Archive # 20051444CEN021

Dear FOIA Officer,

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), I hereby request copies of the following:

All documents from January 1, 1979 – September 1, 2005 related in whole or in part to policies on monitoring, tracking, compensating and counting civilian casualties in regions where the U.S. military is deployed. This includes, but is not limited to, tracking, investigating or reporting Iraqi civilian casualties in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Afghan civilian casualties in Operation Enduring Freedom.

I am requesting all policy documents relating to non-U.S. civilian casualties and fatalities in U.S. armed conflicts.

If you regard any of these documents as potentially exempt from the FOIA's disclosure requirements, I request that you nonetheless exercise your discretion to disclose them. As the FOIA requires, please release all reasonably segregable nonexempt portions of documents. To permit me to reach an informed decision whether or not to file an administrative appeal of any denied material, please describe any withheld records (or portions thereof) and explain the basis for your denial with specific reference to the exemption.

As you know, the National Security Archive qualifies for waiver of search and review fees as a representative of the news media and is only required to pay for the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages. For details on the Archive's research and publication activities, please see our Web site at the address above. I agree to pay reasonable duplication fees for which I am responsible up to \$100, but please notify me before incurring photocopying costs in excess of that amount.

To expedite the release of the requested documents, please disclose them on an interim basis as they become available to you, without waiting until all the documents have been processed. If you have any questions regarding the identity of the records, their location, the scope of the request or any other matters, please call me at (202) 994-7045 or e-mail belias@gwu.edu. I look forward to receiving your response.

Sincerely,

Barbara Elias
Freedom of Information Coordinator