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Jeffrey T. Richelson  
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Case Number F02-0009

Dear Mr. Richelson:

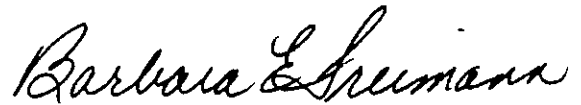
This is in response to your letter, dated 15 October 2001, received in the Information Access and Release Center of the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) on 17 October 2001. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), you requested ". . . Report to the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board . . . Report to the 40 Committee . . .".

Pursuant to the Intelligence Authorization Act of 2003, Section 502, operational files of the NRO are exempt from the publication, disclosure, search, and review provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. §552. As such, the files that would contain responsive records, if any exist, are not subject to search in response to your request.

You have the right to appeal this determination by addressing your appeal to the NRO Appeal Authority, 14675 Lee Road, Chantilly, VA 20151-1715 within 60 days of the above date. Should you decide to do this, please explain the basis of your appeal.

If you have any questions, please call me at (703) 808-5029  
and reference your case number.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara E. Freimann". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a prominent initial 'B'.

Barbara E. Freimann