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Mr. John Young  
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Reference: F-2016-00396

Dear Mr. Young:

We received your 3 January 2016 correspondence requesting an administrative appeal under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) for, (i) **records granting Edward Joseph Snowden access to classified information, whether the USG Form SF-86 or comparable documentation utilized by the CIA, and (ii) records indicating Mr. Snowden compliance with controls of classified information upon leaving the CIA.** Please continue to use this case reference number so that we can more easily identify your FOIA administrative appeal.

You are appealing our initial-level determination to neither confirm nor deny the existence or nonexistence of records responsive to your request. *Your appeal has been accepted and arrangements are being made for its consideration by the Agency Release Panel.*

You will be advised of the panel's determination. In order to afford requesters the most equitable treatment possible, we have adopted the policy of handling appeals on a first-received, first-out basis. Despite our best efforts, however, the large number of public access requests CIA receives creates processing delays making it unlikely that we can respond to you within 20 working days. In view of this, some delay in our reply must be expected, but every reasonable effort will be made to respond as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Lavergne".

Michael Lavergne  
Information and Privacy Coordinator