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Dear Mr. Ferroggiaro:

This is the final decision of the National Imagery and Mapping Agency (NIMA) on your appeal, dated October 30, 2002, of the initial denial of your request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Your request, dated August 30, 2002, sought, "[A]ny imagery interpretation reports or other analyses of imagery produced of Rwanda during April 1994 through July 1994 inclusive."

After consideration of your appeal, I have determined the initial denial of your FOIA request was proper. With regard to the material you requested, NIMA can neither confirm nor deny the existence or nonexistence of records responsive to your request. As indicated by the initial denial decision, the information you requested, unless it has been officially acknowledged and disclosed, or otherwise properly released to the public, would be classified for reasons of national security under Executive Orders 12951 and 12958. Further, the fact of the existence or nonexistence of such records would also relate directly to information concerning intelligence sources, methods, or capabilities and, as a result, is exempt from search, review, publication, or disclosure in accordance with Title 10, Section 457, of the United States Code, as amended.

Under these circumstances, your request is denied under sections "(b)(1)" and "(b)(3)" of the FOIA on the basis that, respectively, the records: (i) are properly and currently classified under criteria established by an Executive Order; or (ii) fall within the scope of a particular statute which permits withholding designated types of information.

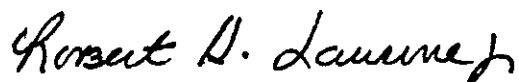
This is a Final Agency Decision under the FOIA. You are hereby advised, in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(A), that I am

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the person responsible for affirming the decision of the Initial Denial Authority. My full name and title are as indicated below. You are further advised that you may bring an action in the U.S. District Court in the district in which you reside or have your principal place of business, in the district where the records are located, or in the District of Columbia to seek review of my decision.

Fees associated with processing this request have been waived, and we have closed your file.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert H. Laurine, Jr.".

ROBERT H. LAURINE, JR.  
Business Executive