

Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D.C. 20505

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Mr. Peter Kornbluh
The National Security Archive
Gelman Library, Suite 701
2130 H Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20037

Reference: F-2008-01514 / Archive # 20080682CIA102

Dear Mr. Kornbluh:

On 8 July 2008, the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator received on the same date your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for all records pertaining to the "death of Ecuadorian businessman **Marco Almeida Calispa**, who died while in the custody of Ecuadorian police officers in the city of Quito in 1987." We have assigned your request the reference number above. Please use this number when corresponding so that we can identify it easily.

We accept your request and will process it according to the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, and the CIA Information Act, 50 U.S.C. § 431, as amended. Unless you object, we will limit our search to CIA-originated records existing through the date of this acceptance letter.

As a matter of administrative discretion, and in accordance with our regulations, the Agency has waived the fees for this request.

The large number of FOIA requests CIA receives has created unavoidable processing delays making it unlikely that we can respond within the 20 working days the FOIA requires. You have the right to consider our honest appraisal as a denial of your request and you may appeal to the Agency Release panel. A more practical approach would permit us to continue processing your request and respond to you as soon as we can. You will retain your appeal rights and, once you receive the results of our search, can appeal at that time if you wish. We will proceed on that basis unless you tell us you object.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Delores M. Nelson".

Delores M. Nelson
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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