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Mr. Douglas Valentine
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Re: Appeal No. 00-1936
DEA No. 00-0567-F
RLH:KMF:BVE

Dear Mr. Valentine:

You appealed from the action of the Drug Enforcement Administration on documents referred there by the Central Intelligence Agency pursuant to your request for access to records concerning the "Victims Task Force."

After carefully considering your appeal, I have decided to affirm the DEA's action on your request.

The DEA properly withheld certain information that is protected from disclosure pursuant to:

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), which concerns material the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of third parties; and

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(C), which concerns records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, the release of which could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of third parties (including, in this instance, the names of DEA employees).

I have determined that this information is not appropriate for discretionary release.

If you are dissatisfied with my action on your appeal, you may seek judicial review in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B).

Sincerely,

Richard L. Huff
Co-Director