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Ms. Lauren Harper
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Dear Ms. Harper:

Please be advised that on May 6, 2013, the Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP) received your correspondence, dated April 30, 2013, lodging an appeal under Executive Order 13526, "Classified National Security Information" (the Order). As Executive Secretary of the ISCAP, one of my responsibilities is to determine whether an appeal falls under the jurisdiction of the ISCAP. For an appeal to be considered by the ISCAP, it must meet the requirements of the Order and the ISCAP Bylaws.

The subject of your initial request and subsequent appeal to Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) concerned a 2010 memorandum titled "Anatomy of a Lead" concerning Abu Ahmed al-Kuwaiti who led the United States to Osama bin Laden. A letter to you from the CIA dated April 18, 2013, declined to process your internal agency appeal under 32 Code of Federal Regulation §1900.42(a) (C.F.R.). On January 23, 2015, the CIA responded to the ISCAP acknowledging that the agency had denied your appeal in error under 32 C.F.R. § 1900.42(a). Notwithstanding the error, the CIA has determined that the document is contained in operational files exempted from disclosure under 50 United States Code § 431, as amended. As a result of CIA's determination, I am administratively closing your appeal since the document is held under statute and therefore outside the purview of the ISCAP.

Copies of the Order, its Implementing Directive, the ISCAP Bylaws 32 C.F.R. Part 2001 and 2003 respectively, are available to you on the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO) website www.archives.gov/isoo/policy-documents. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact William C. Carpenter or Neena Sachdeva at (202) 357-5250 and reference ISCAP Appeal No. 2013-075.

Sincerely,


JOHN P. FITZPATRICK
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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