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Dear Mr. Robbins:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated October 09, 2020 and is an interim response. You requested:

- **All data from the cocaine module of the Department Intelligence Agency's Consolidated Counterdrug Drug Database (CCDB) from 2019 to the latest date available in 2020. Data from the Western Hemisphere 'transit zone' (including Central America, the Caribbean, eastern Pacific, and Mexico). All information, if possible, should be in machine readable tabular data, such as CSV text file. Information from this database has been released in the past, so it should be unclassified. Any key or library information needed to understand the data set. If the request proves too burdensome, please provide a list of data fields to allow for the narrowing of the request.**

We received your request on October 19, 2020 and assigned it case number FOIA-00034-2021. Please use this number on all future correspondence with us regarding your request.

We are unable to respond to your request within the statutory 20 days' response period due to one or more of the following reasons, which are defined in the statute as "unusual circumstances": (I) the need to search for and collect the requested records from field facilities or other establishments that are separate from the office processing the request; (II) the need to search for, collect, and appropriately examine a voluminous amount of separate and distinct records which are demanded in a single request; or (III) the need for consultation, which shall be conducted with all practicable speed, with another agency having a substantial interest in the determination of the request or among two or more components of the agency having substantial subject-matter interest therein.

At this stage of processing your request, we cannot provide an estimated date of completion. As analysis and processing of your request continues, a case officer will better be able to provide an estimate, and at that time, we will provide you with a further interim response.

We typically process requests in the order of receipt. Our backlog currently is in excess of 1,600 requests. The time it takes to respond to a request will vary depending on the complexity of the request and any backlog of requests already pending. If your request is complex, a case officer may contact you to discuss options for expediting your request, including: (I) narrowing the scope or focus of your request or increasing its specificity; (II) specifically describing record(s) you are looking for with additional descriptive details; and (III) including specific event-related information.

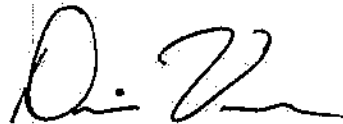
We regret that there is currently a substantial delay in processing requests and solicit your patience and understanding. We will process your request as soon as possible. Our FOIA Requester Service Center is available to assist you with any question about the status of your request and any steps you can take to receive a potentially quicker response. For questions, please contact the FOIA Requester Service Center or our FOIA Public Liaison, preferably via email at [brittley.timmons@dodiis.mil](mailto:brittley.timmons@dodiis.mil), or at 301-394-6253. DIA's FOIA website is: <https://www.dia.mil/FOIA>.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services that they offer. You may contact OGIS at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov), toll-free 1-877-684-6448, phone 202-741-5770, fax 202-741-5769, or the following address:

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Sincerely,

(for)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. W. Tumiski', written in a cursive style.

Steven W. Tumiski  
Chief, Records Management and Information Services