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Mr. Jefferson Morley  
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Dear Mr. Morley:

This is an interim response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated January 30, 2019, requesting:

- *All records related to Timber Sycamore, code name for a CIA program in Syria, launched in 2012 or 2013 and phased out in 2017*
- *All communications about Timber Sycamore with the multinational Military Operations Command (MOC) in Amman, Jordan*
- *All communications with Tayser Al Sharif, aka Abu Malik, a Jordanian businessman*
- *All records related to the assessment of Timber Sycamore by DIA's Office of the Inspector General*

We received your request on February 5, 2019 and assigned it case number FOIA-0129-2019. Please use this number in all future correspondence with us about this matter.

We will be unable to respond to your request within the FOIA's 20 day statutory time period due to unusual circumstances. These unusual circumstances could be: (a) the need to search for and collect records from a facility geographically separated from this office; (b) the potential volume of records responsive to your request; and (c) the need for consultation with one or more other agencies which have substantial interest in either the determination or the subject matter of the records. For these reasons, your request has been placed in our queue and will be worked in the order the request was received. Our current administrative workload is in excess of 1,139 requests.

We regret that there is currently a substantial delay in processing requests and solicit your patience and understanding. We assure you that we will process your request as soon as possible. If you have any questions, you may contact the DIA FOIA Requester Service Center, as well as our FOIA Public Liaison at 301-394-5587.

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

they offer. You may contact OGIS by email at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770, toll free at 1-877-684-6448 or facsimile at 202-741-5769; or you may mail them at the following address:

Office of Government Information Services  
National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS  
College Park, MD 20740-6001

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian L. Jenkins". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brian L. Jenkins  
Chief, Records Management and Information  
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