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Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D.C. 20505

26 February 2014

Mr. John Greenwald



Reference: F-2014-00279

Dear Mr. Greenwald:

This is a final response to your 19 November 2013 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received in the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator on 20 November 2013, for "a copy of the final CIA/IG report, published circa 2/9/2000 about the Dumping of Hazardous Material into Potomac at CIA HQ."

Our records show that we conducted a search on behalf of an earlier request for records on the same subject of your request. Therefore, we are enclosing the document, consisting of 34 pages, that was released in connection with the earlier request. Since you are entitled to the first 100 pages free, there is no charge for this document.

Please note since the document was reviewed beyond the past two years, it is subject for re-review at this time pursuant to our regulation 1900.42(c) of Title 32 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Should you wish to request a re-review of this document, we ask that you submit a new FOIA request specifically stating your desire for a re-review of the above-referenced document.

Sincerely,

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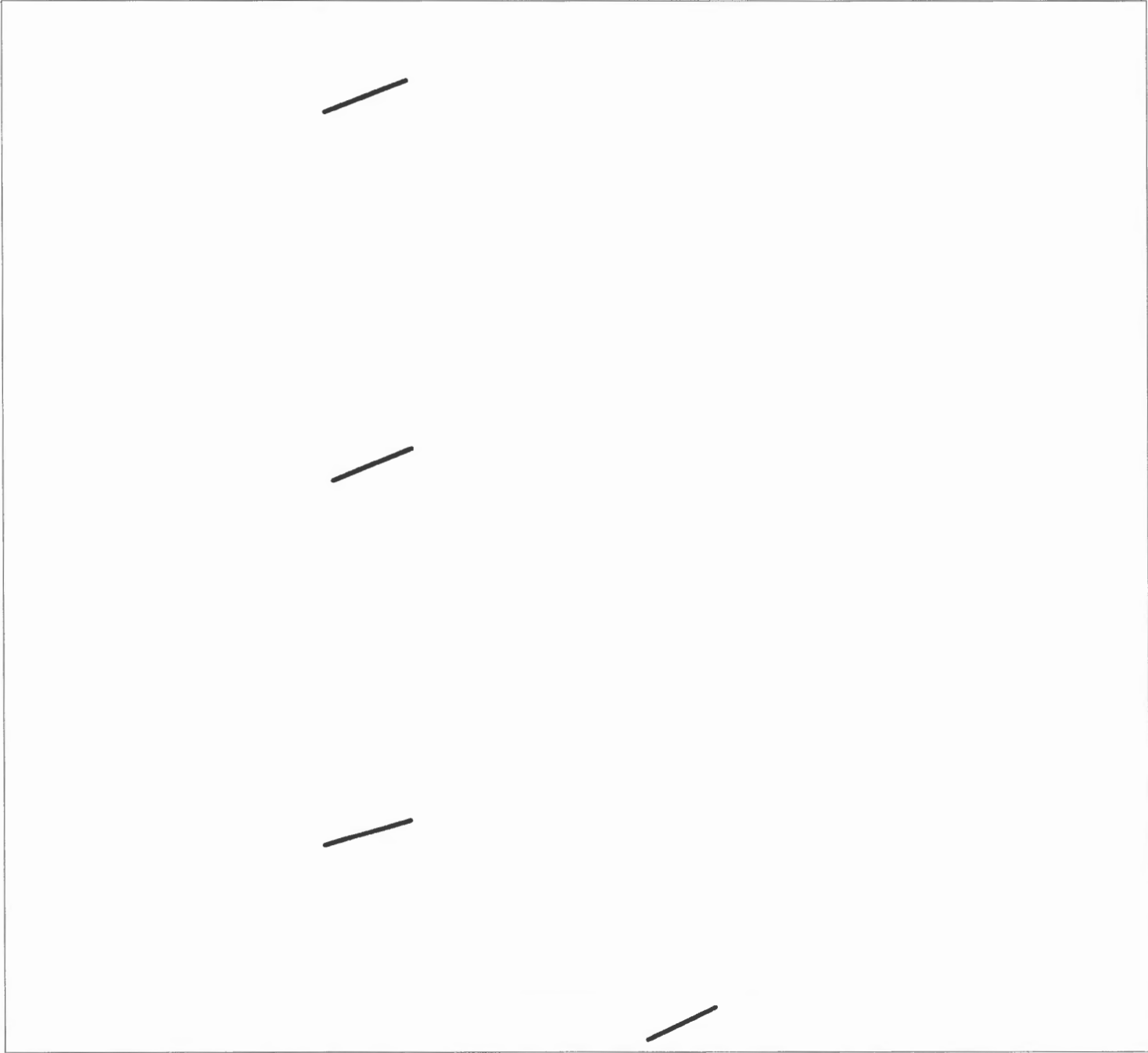
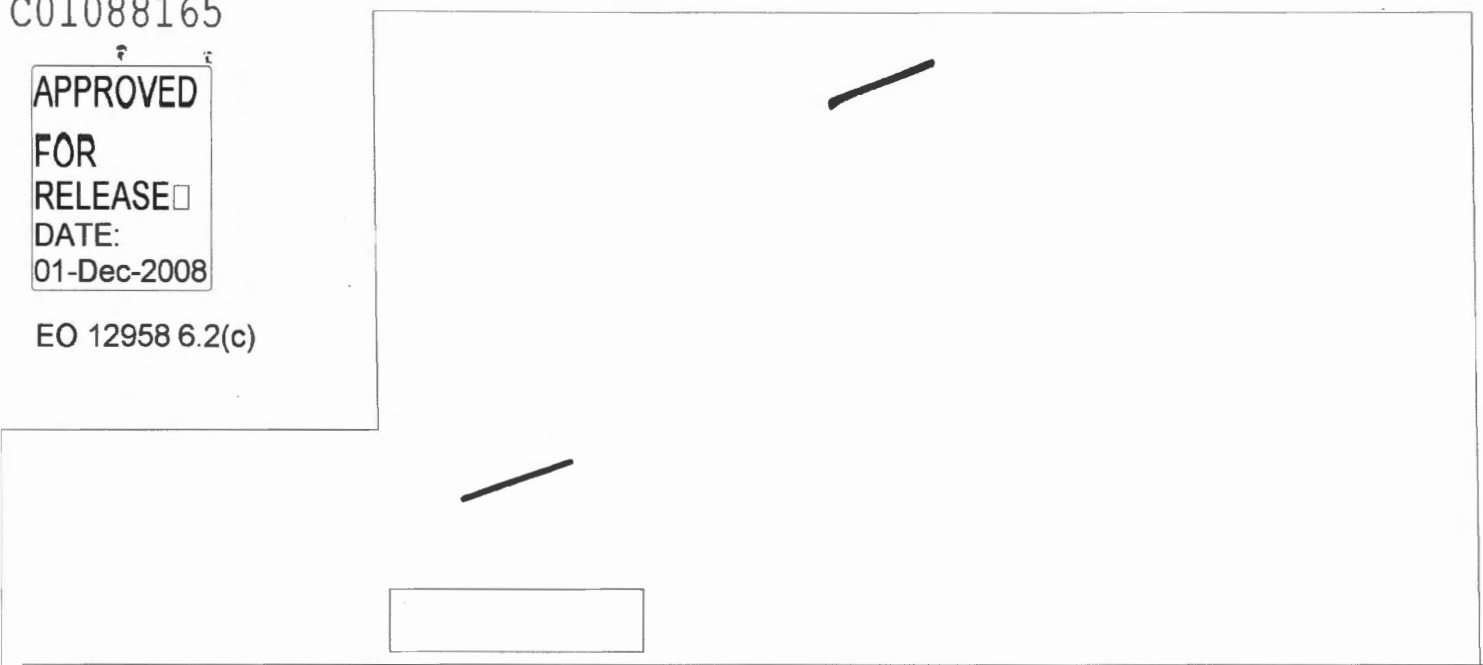
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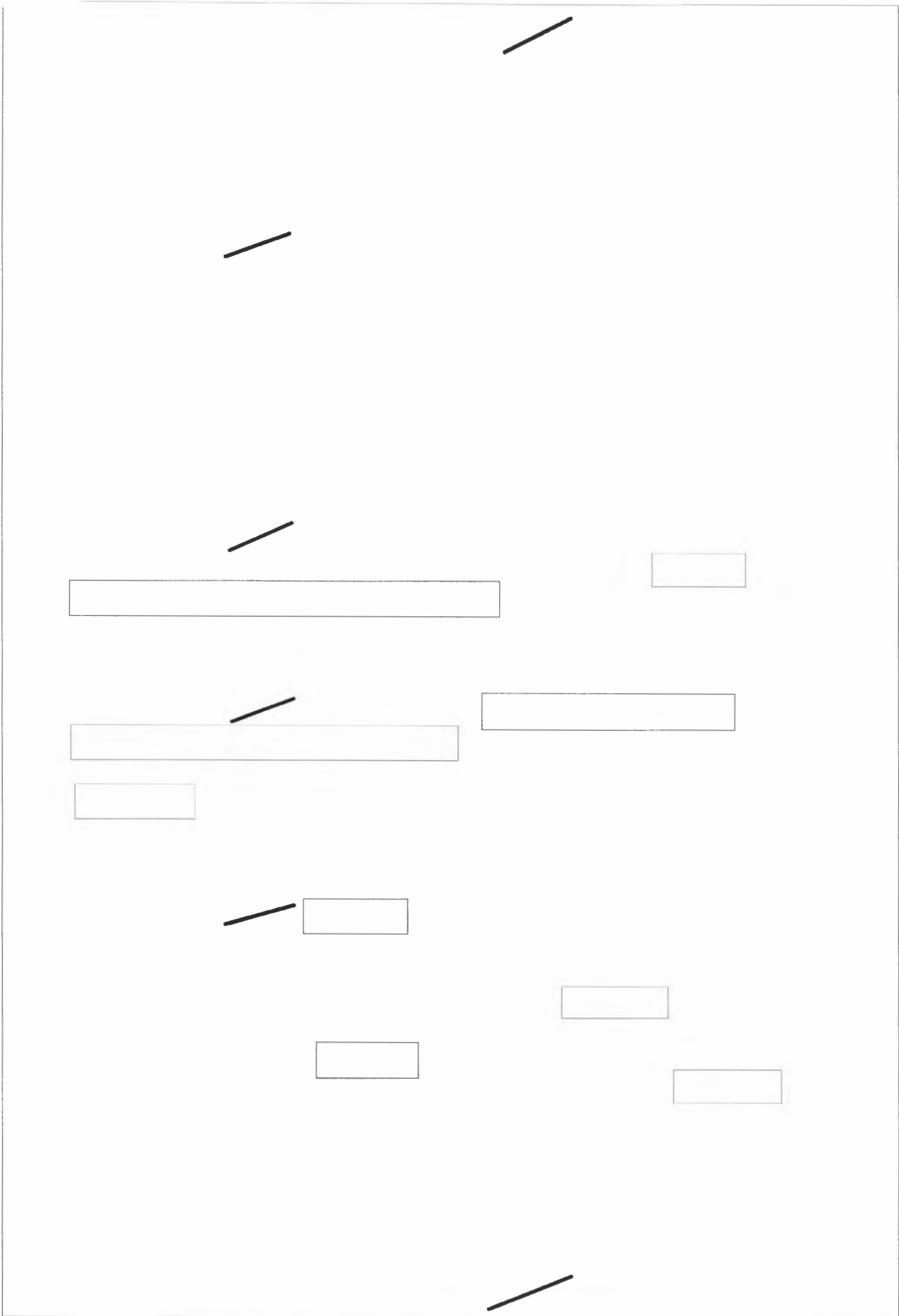
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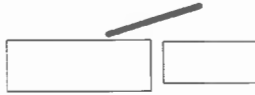
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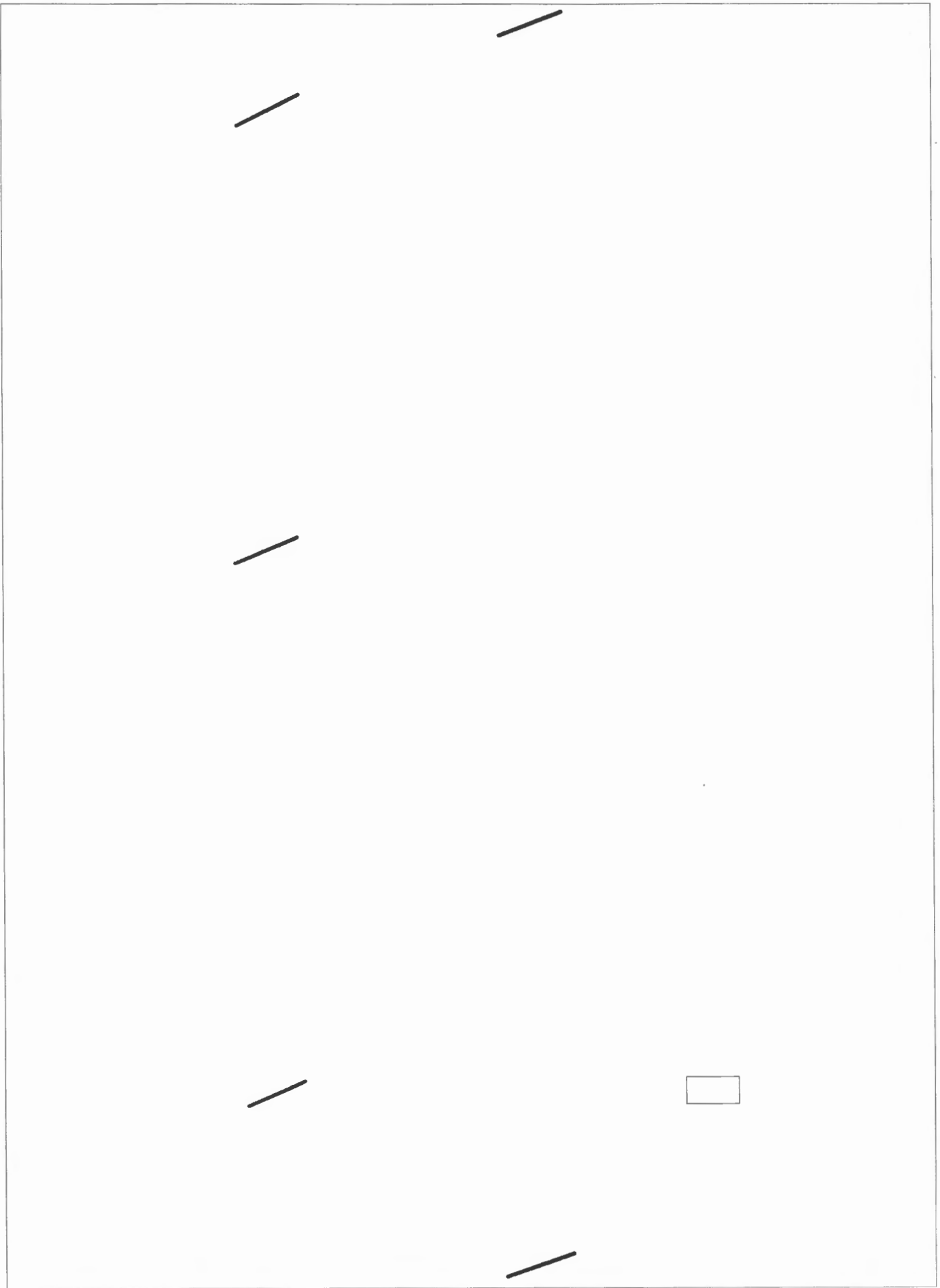
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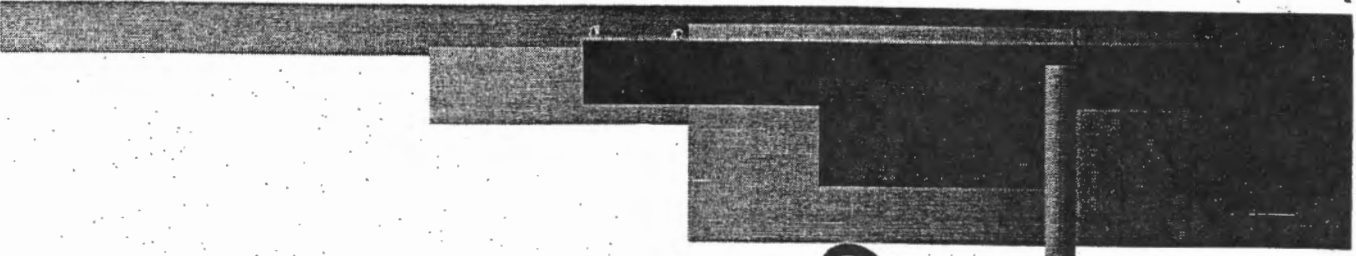
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**CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE  
AGENCY**

**ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE  
INCIDENT**

**APRIL 24-27, 1998**

# *A PROGRAM*

## *■ APRIL '92 - EXDIR Approves Formal Environmental Program*

- FY 94 - /yr. for 15 years*
- FY 00 - Inc. to /yr.*
- Full-time Environmental Counsel*
- On-site environmental safety officers at major installations - compliance & restoration*
- Agency Environmental Regulation*

# A PROGRAM

- *Expenditures FY 92 to Date:*
  - *HQ*
  - *Agency-wide:*
- *Mtgs. w/ Dep. Regional Administrators and Federal Facility Coordinators*
- *Mtgs. w/ State Regulators*
- *Visits by Regulators & Site owners*
  - *155+ since FY 92*

# *A PROGRAM*

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- *Participant in the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee*
- *Participant in the monthly EPA Roundtable mtg. - OFFE*
  - *Pollution Prevention Task Force*
- *Visit by Federal Environmental Executive*
  - *Closing the Circle Award nomination*

# A PROGRAM

## ■ *FY 97 Recycling*

- *577.6 tons - paper products*
- *568.6 tons - scrap metal*
- *31.2 tons - batteries*
- *28,314 - fluorescent bulbs*
- *1,700 lbs. - printing ink*
- *6095 gal. - motor oil*
- *2373 - oil filters*
- *60,000 - industrial hand towels*
- *20.7 tons - aluminum*

# A PROGRAM

- *“Greening of the CIA”*

- *1997 presentation at NRC/FEE Expo*

- *Publication in N.Y.U. Environmental Law Journal - R. Bradford Stiles*

- *“Environmental Law and the CIA: Is There a Conflict Between Secrecy and Environmental Compliance?”*

# A PROGRAM

## Headquarters Improvements

- *Replaced CFC in Chillers with non-CFC (1995)*
- *Replacement of 50k gal. nonregulated USTs (1994)*
- *PCBs removed from compound*
- *Natural Gas Station for Alt. Fuel Vehicles*
- *Closed Loop re-refined bulk oil*
- *Phase II gas vapor recovery system*
- *Synthetic Minor Air Permit*
- *EPCRA Inventory (plus pollution prevention)*
- *Integrated Contingency Plan (One Plan)*
- *Energy Use lowered by 13% since 1990*



# *A PROGRAM*

- *Signed Charter - Interagency E.O. 12856 Pollution Prevention T.F. 9/12/95*
  - *(50% reduction of toxic chemicals - 5 yrs)*
  - *CIA - 47% reduction in use of toxic chemicals in 2 years.*
- *EPA's Code of Environmental Management Principles - top 3 submission of 16 agencies*



## *Accidental Release Incident*

■ *4/24 (times are approximate)*

- *1030 hrs.- CIA notified by National Park Service of milky substance in the stream*
- *1300 hrs. - NPS notified power washing of cooling towers suspected*
  - *Coast Guard Field Response Team, NPS Hazmat Emergency Response Team enroute*
- *1430 hrs. - Mtg with NPS, NPS-ERO, Coast Guard-FRTO & Agency Officials*

# *cidental Release Incident*

## *1430 Hrs. Mtg. Issues*

- *MSDS for biocides & rust inhibitors*
  - *power wash with potable water only*
- *Calcinated water (calcium carbonate)*
  - *suspended solids & pH*
- *Everyone Agrees no action required at this time*
  - *environmental consultant to prepare action plan*
  - *follow-on meeting scheduled for Monday, 27th*
  - *CIA calls Versar to the scene*

# *Accidental Release Incident*

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## *Situation Escalates:*

- *1545 hrs. - Fairfax County Comm.*
  - *Fire Marshall - HAZMAT enforcement arrives*
  - *Activated Fax Co. Hazmat Response Team*
- *1730 hrs. - "Unified Command" Established*
  - *NPS-ERO in charge*
  - *containment pond & downstream flushing*
- *2000 hrs. - flushing begins*
- *2100 hrs. - incident is closed*

## *Accidental Release Incident*

- **4/25**
  - *0700 hrs. - Versar & Tri-County commence clean-up of containment pond*
  - *1415 hrs. - Clean-up completed.*
- **4/26**
  - *NPS-ERO conducts follow-up investigation*
- **4/27**
  - *Late Morning - Discharge of substance resumes*

# *Accidental Release Incident*

- *Nat. Response Center Notified*
  - *notification unnecessary - single event*
- *EPA/CID, Fax Co. Fire Marshall, NPS-ERO arrive for scheduled review meeting*
- *VERSAR brought back to set up containment ponds (no invasive action)*
- *1800 hrs. - Discharge traced to sump pump in pit below classified paper incinerator*

## *Accidental Release Incident*

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- *Sump pump and incinerator shut down.*
- *4/28 - Permission from County to reroute cooling tower (temp.) & sump pump to sanitary sewer*
- *4/30 - Hook-up completed*
- *5/18 - Mtg. at NPS Region- HQ*
  - *Natural attenuation of impacted stream*

# *Accidental Release Incident*

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## *Issues w/ Incinerator*

- *design flaw - sump pump to storm sewer*
  - *shown on Fax Co. sanitary sewer permit*
- *catastrophic event*
- *hours of operation*
  - *ceased operations early Friday afternoon*
- *seals apparent problem*
  - *manufacturer out of business*



# *retrospective*

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## ■ *Feb 1997 event*

- *somewhat similar to recent event*
  - *time gap is significant*
- *Spill response implemented - environmental contractor tasked to remediate release*
- *attributed to concrete cutting and/or pressure washing of building facade*
- *confirmed by laboratory test*



*rospective*

- *Barely Tinted Water Condition*
  - *source unknown, no apparent activities*
    - *possible result of rain event*
    - *possible source outside CIA*
  - *tasked Science-Engineering Associates to study the problem in March 1998*
  - *SEA proposal received 21 April 1998*
  - *accidental discharge on 24 April*

## *tions Taken*

- *Incinerator Pit repiped to sanitary sewer*
- *Received General Permit for Cooling Tower - 1st in No. VA.*
  - *reduced water discharge by 66%*
  - *changed chemicals + [ ] annual cost*
  - *neutralizing chemical discharge*
- *Study of Non-storm water drain system*
- *Stream monitoring plan - [ ]/2yrs*

## *Post Incident Review*

- *Minimal impact on environment*
- *Source difficult to identify*
  - *Design deficiency, not readily obvious*
  - *Masked by other operations*
- *Simple, low cost solution to correct the discharge problem*
- *Initiated Steps to Investigate the problem*

## *Post Incident Review*

- *Very low potential for future events*
  - *Cooling tower cleaning operations & Incinerator pit to sanitary sewer*
  - *non-storm water drain system survey*
- *DEQ assigned NOV # - no further action anticipated*
- *Proactive Environmental Program*
  - *well funded, senior mgmt. commitment*
- *Reasonable actions were taken*

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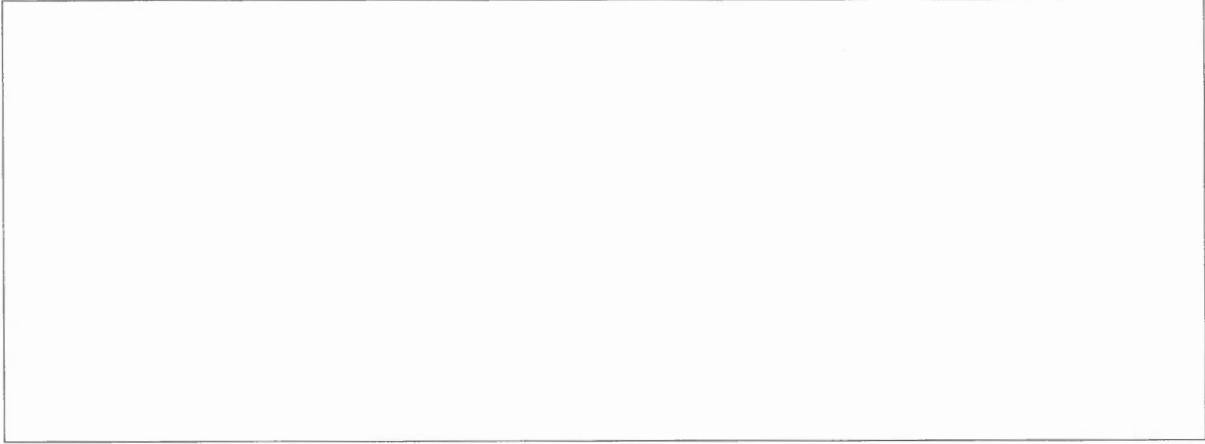
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