



Defense Intelligence Agency Refuses to Declassify Info on Project Bojinka

>>> I sent the National Security Agency a Freedom of Information Act request asking for files on Project Bojinka. (Bojinka was the plot by radical Islamists—led by WTC-bomber Ramzi Yousef—to 1) blow up a dozen US passenger jets in mid-flight, 2) assassinate President Clinton and the Pope, and 3) ram hijacked passenger planes into US landmarks, including the Twin Towers, the Pentagon, the White House, CIA Headquarters, and the Sears Tower.) The plot was discovered in 1995 when authorities in the Philippines raided Yousef's apartment.

The NSA said that it would cost me thousands of dollars for them to search for Bojinka documents, then screen them for possible release. Even if they decided that not a single document was releasable, I'd still have to pay the outlandish fees.

One of the Bojinka documents that the NSA had in its possession was created by the Defense Intelligence Agency, so the NSA asked the DIA to review it for release. Below is the DIA's reply.

You, citizen, are not allowed to know *anything* about the proto-9/11 plot called Operation Bojinka.



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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20340-



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19 August 2003

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Dear Mr. Kick:

This is in response to your request under the Freedom of Information Act to the National Security Agency (NSA), dated 4 June 2002. Therein you requested records concerning Project Bojinka. The NSA referred one document to the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) for our review and direct response to you.

Upon review it has been determined that all substantive portions of the documents are not releasable. The withheld portions are exempt from release pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552 (b)(1), (b)(2), Freedom of Information Act. Subsection (b)(1) applies to information properly classified under the criteria provided by Executive Order 12958, as amended, and in this specific case, Sec. 1.4, (b), (c), and (d). Subsection (b)(2) applies to information which pertains solely to the internal rules and practices of the agency. There are no reasonably segregable portions of this exempt material.

You are advised that a requester may appeal, within 60 days, an initial decision to withhold a record or part thereof. Should you wish to exercise this right, you may do so by referring to case #0494-03 and addressing your appeal to:

Defense Intelligence Agency
ATTN: DAN-1A(FOIA)
Washington, D.C. 20340-5100

Sincerely,



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