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Ms. Amrit Singh
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Dear Ms. Singh:

I refer to our letter dated December 23, 2004, regarding the release of certain Department of State material you had requested under the Freedom of Information Act (Title 5 USC Section 552).

As you may recall, further coordination was required before decisions could be made as to the release of six of the documents previously retrieved in response to your request. The coordination has now been completed for all of them and we find that five may be released with excisions, and one may not be released. Copies of the released documents are enclosed.

Material in the excised portions of four of the documents released in part and in the document withheld in full is currently and properly classified under Executive Order 12958 in the interest of national defense or foreign relations. As such, it is exempt from release under subsection (b)(1) of the Freedom of Information Act.

Material in the excised portions of three of the documents released in part is related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency. As such, it is exempt from release under subsection (b)(2) of the Freedom of Information Act.

Material in the excised portions of one of the documents released in part is specifically exempted from disclosure by statute, to wit, the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 (Title 50 USC Section 403g). As such, it is exempt from release under subsection (b)(3) of the Freedom of Information Act.

Material in the excised portions of five of the documents released in part is of such a nature that its release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. As such, it is exempt from release under subsection (b)(6) of the Freedom of Information Act.

Material in the excised portions of one of the documents released in part is information compiled for law enforcement purposes which, if produced, could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings. As such, it is exempt from release under subsection (b)(7)(A) of the Freedom of Information Act.

Material in the excised portions of three of the documents released in part is information compiled for law enforcement purposes which, if produced, could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. As such, it is exempt from release under subsection (b)(7)(C) of the Freedom of Information Act.

In some cases, two or more exemptions apply to the same document. In the case of a document released in part, all non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released.

Sincerely,



Margaret P. Grafeld
Director
Office of Information Programs
and Services

Enclosures:
As stated.