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Mr. Amrit Singh
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Dear Mr. Singh:

I refer to our previous correspondence regarding the release of certain Department of State material you had requested under the Freedom of Information Act (Title 5 USC Section 552) in your letters of October 7, 2003 and May 25, 2004.

We have retrieved 295 additional documents from the Office of the Legal Adviser that we have grouped as Segment L7. After reviewing these documents, we have determined that 23 may be released, 21 may be released with excisions, and 166 may not be released. The released documents are enclosed. A decision on three documents requires interagency or intra-agency coordination. We will inform you when we receive the results of that coordination. Eighty-two documents originated with other government agencies and have been referred to them for review and direct reply to you.

The material in the excised portions of 13 of the documents released in part and in 97 of the documents 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.

Information in 81 of the documents withheld in full is exempt from release under subsection (b)(5) of the Freedom of Information Act because it is protected by the deliberative process privilege, attorney client privilege, attorney work product privilege, and/or another privilege incorporated by subsection (b)(5).

The material in the excised portions of three 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.

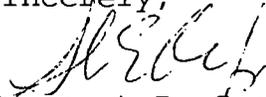
The material in the excised portions of seven of the documents released in part and in six of the documents withheld in full is information compiled for law enforcement purposes which, if produced, could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings. As such, it is exempt from release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

The material in the excised portions of two of the documents released in part and in four of the documents withheld in full 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.