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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 98 additional documents from the Office of the Legal Adviser that appear responsive to your request, and have grouped them as Segment L20. After reviewing these documents, we have determined that eight may be released in full, four may be released with excisions and 25 must be withheld in full. All released material is enclosed. A decision on 19 documents requires interagency coordination; we will inform you when we receive the results of that coordination. Additionally, forty-two documents originated with other government agencies and have been referred to those agencies for review and direct reply to you.

Material in the excised portions of two of the documents released in part and 11 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.

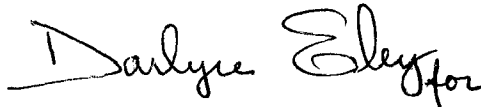
Information in one document released in part and 20 documents withheld in full is exempt from release under subsection (b)(5) of the Freedom of Information Act because it is protected by the deliberative process privilege, attorney client privilege, attorney work product privilege, and/or another privilege incorporated by subsection (b)(5).

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The material in the excised portions of one 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 search of the other files has been completed, and we will let you know as the review of the various segments has been accomplished.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Darlyne Eley for". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name of the signatory.

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Director  
Office of Information Programs  
and Services

Enclosures:  
As stated.