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Case No. 200303827

Segment L027

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 73 additional documents from the Office of the Legal Adviser that we have grouped as Segment L027. After reviewing these documents, we have determined that one may be released in full and that 70 may not be released. The one released document is enclosed. A decision on one further document requires interagency coordination. We will inform you when we receive the results of that coordination. One document originated with another government agency and has been referred to that agency for review and direct reply to you.

The material in 69 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 51 of the documents withheld in full is also 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,

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attorney work product privilege, and/or another privilege incorporated by subsection (b) (5).

In many cases, two exemptions apply to the same document.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Margaret P. Grafeld', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Director  
Office of Information Programs  
and Services

Enclosure:  
As stated.