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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 249 additional documents from the Office of the Legal Adviser that we have grouped as Segment L32. After reviewing these documents, we have determined that 22 may be released, two may be released with excisions, and 177 may not be released. The released documents are enclosed. Decisions on two documents require interagency or intra-agency coordination. We will inform you when we receive the results of that coordination. Forty-six documents originated with another government agency and have been referred to that agency for review and direct reply to you.

The material in the excised portions of one document released in part and in 120 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 176 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 two of the documents withheld in full is of such a nature that its release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. As such, it is

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exempt from release under subsection (b)(6) of the Freedom of Information Act.


The material in the excised portions of one document released in part and in eight 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 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
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and Services

Enclosures:
As stated.

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