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Case No. 200303827 Segment LO10

Mr. Amrit Singh American Civil Liberties Union Foundation 1235 Broad Street, 18th Floor New York, NY 10004-2400

Dear Mr. Singh:

I refer to our previous correspondence regarding the release of certain Department of State material 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 169 additional documents from the Office of the Legal Adviser which we have grouped as Segment LO10. After reviewing these documents, we have determined that 19 may be released in full, 12 may be released with excisions, and 103 may not be released. The released documents are enclosed. A decision on 17 documents requires interagency or intra-agency coordination. We will inform you when we receive the results of that coordination. Eighteen documents originated with another government agency and have been referred to that agency for review and direct reply to you.

Material in five of the documents released in part and in 53 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.

Material in six of the documents released in part and in 85 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).

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Material in the excised portions of three of the documents released in part and in seven 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 exempt from release under subsection (b)(6) of the Freedom of Information Act.

Material in eight of the documents released in part and in 52 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.

Material in six of the documents released in part and in 29 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,

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Margaret P. Grafeld Director Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated.