



**United States Department of State**

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Case No. 200303827

Segment L17

Ms. Amrit Singh  
American Civil Liberties Union Foundation  
125 Broad Street, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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Dear Ms. Singh:

I refer to our letter December 20, 2004, regarding the release of certain Department of State material under the Freedom of Information Act (Title 5 USC Section 552).

As you may recall, in the case of Segment L17, further coordination was required before a decision could be made as to the release of two of the documents previously retrieved in response to your request. The coordination has now been completed for both of them and we find that both may not be released.

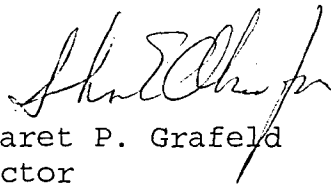
Material in one of the documents withheld in full is currently and properly classified under Executive Order 12958 in the interest of national defense or foreign relations. As such, it is exempt from release under subsection (b)(1) of the Freedom of Information Act.

Material in both 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).

Material in one 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.

In some cases, two or more exemptions apply to the same document.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Margaret P. Grafeld".

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Director  
Office of Information Programs  
and Services