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Ms. Amrit Singh American Civil Liberties Union Foundation 125 Broad Street, 18th Floor New York, NY 10004-2400

Dear Ms. Singh:

I refer to our letter dated December 29, 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, further coordination was required before a decision could be made as to the release of 15 of the documents previously retrieved in response to the L28 segment of your request. Coordination has now been completed for three of them and we find that one may be released and two may be released with excisions. The released documents are enclosed.

Information in the excised portions of the documents released in part 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).

In the case of a document released in part, all non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released.

We will inform you when coordination on the other 12 documents has been completed.

Sincerely,

Margaret P/ Grafeld

Director

Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures:
As stated.