

United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Case No. 200303827 L13

Ms. Amrit Singh American Civil Liberties Union Foundation 125 Broad Street, 18th Floor New York, New York 10004-2004

Dear Ms. Singh:

I refer to our letter dated December 13, 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 28 of the documents previously retrieved as Segment L13 in response to your request. The coordination has now been completed for all 28 of them and we find that they may not be released.

Information in the 28 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).

Sincerely,

Margaret P. Grafeld Director

Office of Information Programs and Services