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Ms. Amrit Singh  
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Dear Ms. Singh:

I refer to our letter of December 28, 2004, regarding the release of certain Department of State material you had requested 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 fifteen of the documents previously retrieved in Segment L023 in response to your request. The coordination has now been completed for six of them and we find that one document may be released with excisions and five may not be released. The released document is enclosed.

Material in four 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 the excised portions of the document released in part is specifically exempted from disclosure by statute, to wit, the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 (Title 50 USC Section 403g). As such, it is exempt from release under subsection (b)(3) of the Freedom of Information Act.

Material in four 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).

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.

With respect to the remaining ten documents requiring interagency or intra-agency coordination, we will inform you when we receive the results of that coordination.

Sincerely,



Margaret P. Grafeld  
Director  
Office of Information Programs  
and Services

Enclosure:  
As stated.