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Washington, D.C. 20520

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Case No. 200303827 L12

Ms. Amrit Singh
American Civil Liberties Union Foundation
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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 21 of the documents previously retrieved in response to the L12 segment of your request. The coordination has now been completed for nine of them and we find that two may be released in full, five may be released with excisions, and two may not be released. The released documents are enclosed. We will inform you when we receive the results of coordination on the other 12 documents.

The material in the two 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.

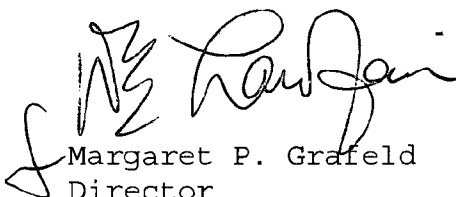
The material in the excised portions of five of the documents released in part is related solely to the internal personnel practices of an agency. As such, it is exempt from release under subsection (b)(2) of the Freedom of Information Act.

The material in the excised portions of the two documents 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.

The information in the two 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Margaret P. Grafeld". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and "G".

Margaret P. Grafeld
Director

Office of Information Programs
and Services

Enclosures:
As stated.