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Ms. Amrit Singh
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Dear Ms. Singh:

I refer to our letter dated January 12, 2005, 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 decisions could be made as to the release of three documents previously retrieved in response to your request. The coordination has now been completed for all of them and we find that one may be released in full, one may be released with excisions, and one may not be released. Copies of the released documents are enclosed.

Material in the document 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.

Information in the excised portions of the document released in part and in the document 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 the document 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. 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,



Margaret P. Grafeld
Director
Office of Information Programs
and Services

Enclosures:
As stated.