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Case Number: 200404118

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Ms. Amrit Singh
American Civil Liberties Union Foundation
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Dear Ms. Singh:

I refer to your letters of October 7, 2003 and May 25, 2004 to the Department of Justice requesting the release of certain material under the Freedom of Information Act (Title 5 USC Section 552) and to our reply of February 18, 2005.

As we noted in our reply, interagency coordination was required before a decision could be made as to the release of seven of the documents retrieved by the Department of Justice in response to your request. The coordination has now been completed for all of them and we find that none may be released.

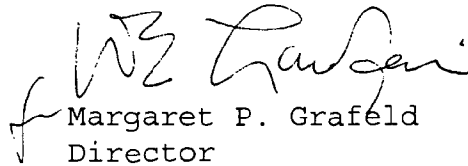
Material in five of the documents withheld in full is currently and properly classified under Executive Order 12958 in the interest of national defense or foreign relations. As such, it is exempt from release under subsection (b)(1) of the Freedom of Information Act.

Information in all seven 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).

Two or more exemptions may apply to the same document.

This completes our processing of this case. Because the documents discussed in this letter were referred to us by another agency, they were assigned Case No. 200404118. However, this case is directly related to Case Numbers 200303827 and 200402044, which are responses to your two Freedom of Information requests to the Department of State of October 7, 2003 and May 25, 2004.

Sincerely,

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

Margaret P. Grafeld
Director
Office of Information Programs
and Services