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Case No. 200303827 L31

Mr. Amrit Singh
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Dear Mr. Singh:

I refer to our previous correspondence regarding the release of certain Department of State material you had requested under the Freedom of Information Act (Title 5 USC Section 552) in your letters of October 7, 2003 and May 25, 2004.

We have retrieved 210 additional documents from the Office of the Legal Adviser that appear responsive to your request. We have grouped these documents as Segment L031. The search in the other files has been completed and we will let you know as the review of the various segments has been accomplished.

After reviewing the documents of Segment L31, we have determined that one may be released and 204 may not be released. The released document is enclosed. Five documents originated with another government agency and have been referred to that agency for review and direct reply to you.

The material in 137 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.

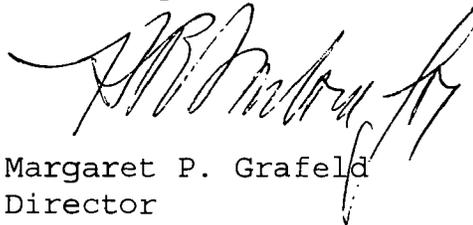
Information in 197 documents withheld in full is exempt from release under subsection (b) (5) of the Freedom of Information Act because it is protected by the deliberative process privilege, attorney client privilege, attorney work product privilege, and/or another privilege incorporated by subsection (b) (5).

The material in 97 of the documents 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.

The material in 57 of the documents withheld in full is information compiled for law enforcement purposes which, if produced, could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. As such, it is exempt from release under subsection (b) (7) (C) 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

Enclosure:
As stated.