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Segment L15

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Dear Ms. 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 116 additional documents from the Office of the Legal Adviser that appear responsive to your request, and have grouped them as Segment L015. After reviewing these documents, we have determined that 11 may be released in full, three may be released with excisions, and 65 must be withheld in full. All released material is enclosed.

Decisions on nine documents require interagency coordination; we will inform you when we receive the results of that coordination. Twenty-eight documents originated with other government agencies and have been referred to those agencies for review and direct reply to you.

Material in the excised portions of one of the documents released in part and in 24 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.

The material in the excised portion of one of the 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.

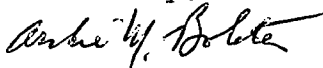
Material in the excised portions of one of the documents released in part and in 62 of the documents withheld in full is exempt from release under subsection (b) (5) of the Freedom of Information Act because it is protected by the deliberative process privilege, attorney client privilege, attorney work product privilege, and/or another privilege incorporated by subsection (b) (5).

Material in one 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.

In some cases, two or more exemptions may 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.

The search of the other files has been completed, and we will let you know as the review of the various segments has been accomplished.

Sincerely,



for Margaret P. Grafeld
Director
Office of Information Programs
and Services

Enclosures:
As stated.