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Segment L016

Ms. Amrit Singh
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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.

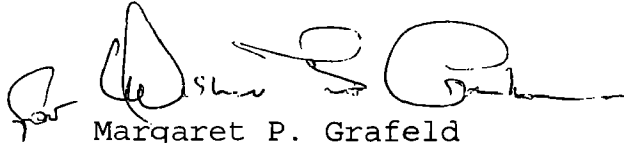
We have retrieved 98 additional documents from the Office of Legal Adviser which we have grouped as Segment L016. After reviewing these documents, we have determined that five may be released in full, one may be released with excisions, and 43 may not be released. The released documents are enclosed. A decision on five documents requires interagency coordination. We will inform you when we receive the results of that coordination. Forty-four documents originated with other government agencies and have been referred to those agencies for review and direct reply to you.

Material in the document released in part and in 23 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 27 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).

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', written in a cursive style.

Margaret P. Grafeld
Director
Office of Information Programs
and Services

Enclosures:
As stated.