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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 under the Freedom of Information Act (Title 5 USC Section 552).

As you may recall, further coordination was required before a decision could be made as to the release of three of the documents previously retrieved in response to the L21 segment of your request. The coordination has now been completed and we find that one may be released and two may not be released. The released document is enclosed.

The material in 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 information in 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.

Sincerely,



Margaret P. Grafeld
Director
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and Services

Enclosures:
As stated.