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Segment L015

Ms. Amrit Singh
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Dear Ms. Singh:

I refer to our letter dated December 29, 2004, 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 nine of the documents from the above segment previously retrieved in response to your request. The coordination has now been completed for all of them and we find that five of them may be released with excisions and four must be withheld in full. The released documents are enclosed.

The material in the excised portions of three of the documents released in part is related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency. As such, it is exempt from release under subsection (b)(2) of the Freedom of Information Act.

The material in the excised portions of five 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.


The information in the four 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 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.

We have now completed the processing of Segment L15.

Sincerely,



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

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

Enclosures:
As stated.