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Case No. 200303827 IO001

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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.

The search of the records of the Bureau of International Organization Affairs has been completed, resulting in the retrieval of 43 documents that appear responsive to your request. They have been grouped as Segment IO001. 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 these documents, we have determined that 32 may be released in full, six may be released in part, and four may not be released. A decision on one document requires inter-agency coordination. We will inform you when we receive the results of that coordination. All released documents are enclosed.

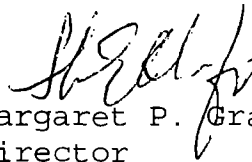
The material in two of the documents withheld in full is currently and properly classified under Executive Order 12958 in the interest of national defense or foreign relations. As such, it is exempt from release under subsection (b)(1) of the Freedom of Information Act.

The information in two 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 the excised portions of the six documents released in part 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.

Sincerely,



Margaret P. Grafeld
Director

Office of Information Programs and
Services

Enclosures:
As stated.