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Mr. Robert Wampler
The National Security Archive
Gelman Library, Suite 701
2130 H Street NW
Washington, DC 20037

Dear Mr. Wampler:

This is the final response to your August 29, 2014 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, a copy of which is enclosed for your convenience. We received your request on the same day it was submitted, and assigned it case number 14-F-1351. We ask that you use this number when referring to your request.

The Records Privacy and Declassification Division (RPDD), a component of the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), conducted a search of their records systems and provided the enclosed three pages, determined to be responsive to your request. Mr. Geoff Hermesman, an Initial Denial Authority for the Department of State, and Mr. James Morris, Director, an Initial Denial Authority, for the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs, East Asia (APSA/EAS) has determined that the documents contain information exempt from release pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(1), which pertains to information that is currently and properly classified in the interest of national security pursuant to Executive Order 13526, as amended, applying Section 1.4 (b) concerning the protection of Foreign government information; (d) concerning the protection of Foreign relations or foreign activities of the United States, including confidential sources.

Additionally, RPDD located potentially responsive information which contain Department of State (DOS) equities and require their review. As such, we have referred your FOIA request and this information to DOS for their review and direct response to you. For your convenience, the contact information for the DOS FOIA Office is provided below:

Office of Information Programs and Services
A/GIS/IPS
U.S. Department of State
Washington, DC 20522-8100

This action closes your request with this office, and there are no assessable fees associated with this response. If you are not satisfied with this response, you may contact our OSD FOIA Public Liaison, Jim Hogan, at 571-372-0462 or by email at OSD.FOIALiaison@mail.mil. Also, please note that the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) offers services to requesters who have disputes with Federal agencies. You

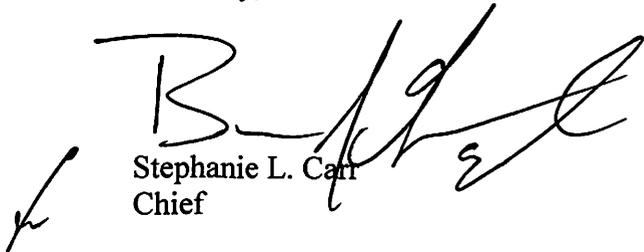
may contact OGIS if you have concerns about the processing of your request. Their contact information is provided below:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS
College Park, MD 20740
E-mail: ogis@nara.gov
Telephone: 202-741-5770
Fax: 202-741-5769
Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

You have the right to appeal to the appellate authority, Ms. Joo Chung, Director of Oversight and Compliance, Office of the Secretary of Defense, by writing directly to OCMO Directorate for Oversight and Compliance, 4800 Mark Center Drive, ATTN: DPCLTD, FOIA Appeals, Mailbox# 24, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700. Your appeal must be postmarked within 90 calendar days of the date of this response. Alternatively, you may email your appeal to OSD.FOIA-APPEAL@mail.mil. If you use email, please include the words "FOIA Appeal" in the subject of the email. Please also reference case number 14-F-1351 in any appeal correspondence.

If you have any questions about the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact the Action Officer assigned to your request, Kris Zdrovitz, kristine.l.zdrovitz.civ@mail.mil or 571-372-0465.

Sincerely,



Stephanie L. Carr
Chief

Enclosures:
As stated.