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OFFICE OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
1155 DEFENSE PENTAGON
WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1155

JUL 24 2007

Ref: 07-F-1800

Mr. Michael Ravnitzky

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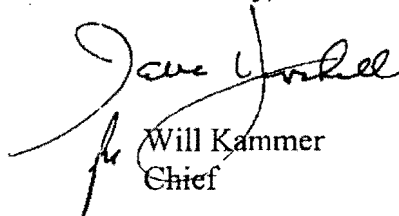
Dear Mr. Ravnitzky:

This in response to your May 15, 2007, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for, "A copy of each Freedom of Information Act Request to the Department of Defense for a copy of Donald Rumsfeld's resignation letter." Also, you requested "A copy of the administrative tracking folder, including emails and memos and notes and letters for each Request." We received your request on May 23, 2007.

The enclosed material, consisting of 25 pages, is provided in response to your request. As a result of the national emergency declared by the President September 14, 2001, the Department of Defense (DoD) determined that the release of the names and identifying information, including work address and duty stations, pertaining to DoD personnel would result in a clearly unwarranted invasion of their personal privacy. Accordingly, the deleted information is exempt from release pursuant to Exemption 6 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), which pertains to information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of third parties.

If you are not satisfied with this action, you may submit an administrative appeal to James Hogan, Policy, Appeals and Litigation Branch at the above address. Your appeal letter should be postmarked within 60 calendar days of the date of this letter, should cite case number 07-F-1800 and should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,



Will Kammer
Chief

Enclosure:
As stated

Memorandum for the Record: 07-F-1800 By the direction of Ms. Mary Wahling the action officers name "Jeanne Miller" and her phone number was not redacted out of the responsive material. In addition Ms. Wahling recommended withholding (b)(6)

(b)(6) 7-25-

2007 Angela Campagna

FOI/PA CASE ASSIGNMENT WORKSHEET

Case No: 07-F-1300

ACTION ASSIGNED TO Comptroller TEAM: (A) B C PMB REVIEWER DH CARD
 TYPE REQUEST: Appeal Commercial Educational News/Media NonCom/Scientific Other
 EXPEDITED RESPONSE REQUESTED GRANT? Y N DCI CHECK
 UP-FRONT DOCUMENT SEARCH X DATE RECEIVED:
 REMARKS:

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(ASBCA) Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals
(AT&L) Acquisition, Technology, & Logistics
(A&T) Acquisition & Technology
(DAU) Defense Acquisition University
(DPAP) Defense Procurement & Acquisition Policy
(DARC) Defense Acquisition Regulation Council
(PSA) Portfolio Systems Acquisition
(TC) Treaty Compliance
(SBP) Small Business Programs
(BT) Business Transformation
(BTA) Business Transformation Agency
(DDR&E) Defense Research and Engineering
(AS&C) Advanced Systems & Concepts
(DARPA) Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency
(DMEA) Defense Micro Electronics Activity
(DSB) Defense Science Board
(I&E) Installations & Environment
(ECOADJ) Economic Adjustment
(L&MR) Logistics & Material Readiness
(IC) International Cooperation
(MDA) Missile Defense Agency
(NCB) Nuclear, Chemical, & Biological Defense Programs
(SPPGMS) Special Programs
(ATSDIO) Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Intelligence Oversight)
(COMP) Comptroller
(PA&E) Program Analysis & Evaluation
(DPO) Defense Privacy Office
(EXSEC) The Exec. Secretariat

E-FOIA REPLY

(I) Intelligence
(CIFA) Counterintelligence Field Activity
(JS) Joint Staff
(LA) Legislative Affairs
(NDU) National Defense Univ.
(NI) Networks and Information Integration
(NSPS) National Security Personnel System
(NSSG) National Security Study Group
(ODNA) Office of the Director, Net Assessment
(OGC) Office of General Counsel
(DOHA) Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals
(OSA/WHL) Office of the Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for White House Liaison
(PA) Public Affairs
(DVIC) Defense Visual Information Center
(P&R) Personnel & Readiness
(CPMS) Civilian Personnel Management Service
(DEOMI) Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute
(DMDC) Defense Manpower Data Center
(SIAD) Statistical Information Analysis Division
(FVAP) Federal Voting Assistance Program
(HA) Health Affairs
(DHSD) Deployment Health Support
(RA) Reserve Affairs
(USUHS) Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences
(PPFA) Pentagon Force Protection Agency
(USD) USD (Policy)
(AP) Asian & Pacific Security Affairs
(CEN) Central Asia

(EAS) East Asia
(SEA) South and Southeast Asia
(IS) International Security Affairs
(AFR) Africa
(EUR) Europe & NATO
(MID) Middle East
(GS) Global Security Affairs
(CMO) Coalition Affairs
(GTS) Counternarcotics, Counterproliferation, and Global Threats
(DPO) Detainee Affairs
(MPA) Defense POW Missing Personnel Affairs Office
(DSCA) Defense Security Cooperation Agency
(DTSA) Defense Technology Security Administration
(PRT) Partnership Strategies
(HD) Homeland Defense and America's Security Affairs
(CMC) Crisis Management & Defense Support for Civil Authorities
(HLD) Homeland Def.
(HSI) Homeland Security Integration
(WHA) Western Hemisphere Affairs
(PDUSD) Policy Director
(PPO) Policy Planning
(SPD) Support for Public Diplomacy
(SO/LIC) Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict
(FT&R) Forces Transformation & Resources
(SOC) Special Operations
(STB) Stability Operations
(STR) Strategic Capabilities

(WHMO) W. H. Military Office
(WHS) Washington Headquarters Service
(A&P) Acquisition & Procurement
(ESD) Executive Services Directorate
(GC) General Counsel
(HRD) Human Resources
(PENREN) Pentagon Renovation
No Nexus Response
Not a Proper Request Reply
Not Reasonably Described
No Records Response
Not an Agency Record
Verification Response

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NAVY	NGA
USAF	NGB
USMC	NSA
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EUCOM	TRICARE
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DSS	STATE
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May 15, 2007

Karen M. Finnegan
Office of Freedom of Information
1155 Defense Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301-1155
telephone number: (703) 696-4689
fax number: (703) 696-4506

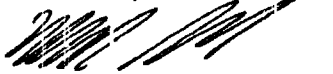
Dear Ms. Finnegan:

Pursuant to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following documents:

- 1) A copy of each Freedom of Information Act Request to the Department of Defense for a copy of Donald Rumsfeld's resignation letter. You may limit this request to requests received by or routed to the Office of Freedom of Information at the Pentagon. You may limit this request to request letters dated between November 1, 2006 and the present.
- 2) A copy of the administrative tracking folder, including emails and memos and notes and letters for each Request identified in item number one.

This is a request for noncommercial research and study purposes, and best belongs in the fee category "all other requesters" I agree to pay up to \$40 for costs associated with this request if necessary.

Sincerely,



Michael Ravnitzky

REUTERS 

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Rumsfeld's resignation letter remains elusive

Tue May 15, 2007 3:19PM EDT

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The Bush administration is keeping a tight hold on Donald Rumsfeld's resignation letter nearly five months after the former defense secretary and Iraq war manager stepped down.

The Pentagon says it does not have a copy, and the White House office likely to hold the letter is not subject to the law that allows the public to seek release of government documents, the Freedom of Information Act or FOIA.

A defense official, who declined to be identified publicly, on Tuesday chalked up the close hold on Rumsfeld's letter to the existence of few copies.

"I suspect there's only one copy of that and it went to the president," the official said.

Reuters filed FOIA requests for the letter with the Pentagon and White House.

In response to a November request, the Defense Department's FOIA office said last month a "thorough search of the records systems ... revealed no records responsive to your request."

President George W. Bush's office of administration, in response to another FOIA request, said this month it too had no copy of Rumsfeld's resignation letter.

But Carol Ehrlich, FOIA officer there, said the office of administration within the executive office of the president was a separate entity from the White House office, which controls its own records and is not subject to FOIA.

Pentagon spokesmen refused to release the letter in November 2006, when Rumsfeld resigned after Republicans' stinging election defeat. They told reporters to file FOIA requests for the letter.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
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1155 DEFENSE PENTAGON
WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1155

APR 06 2007

Ref: 07-F-0309

Lolita C. Baldor
Associated Press
2021 K St., NW
Washington, DC 20009

Dear Ms. Baldor:

This is the final response to your electronic Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated November 13, 2006, for "a copy of the letter Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld sent to President Bush regarding his resignation from office." I apologize for the delay of this response, which was caused by the need to consult with other Department of Defense (DoD) components. A thorough search of the records systems maintained by the Executive Secretariat and the Washington Headquarters Services, Executive Services Directorate, the office which maintains the records of the Secretary of Defense, revealed no records responsive to your request.

Should you deem this no record response to be a denial of your request, you may submit an administrative appeal to James Hogan, Chief, Policy, Appeals and Litigation Branch at the above address. Your appeal should be postmarked within 60 calendar days of the date of this response, should cite to case number 07-F-0309, and should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." There are no fees associated with this response.

Sincerely,

Will Kammer

Will Kammer
Chief

TEAM B CASE#: 07-F-0309

ACTION OFFICER: Jeanne Miller

FINAL ACTION

GRANT

DENIAL

NO RECORD

PARTIAL

TRANSFER

REFERRAL

WITHDRAWL

ADMIN CLOSE-OUT

*forwarded to 7A
on 4/2/07
ready to close*

CASE HISTORY

- ACTION TASKED TO (INCLUDE REFERRALS) -

ESD, EXSEC

- RESPONSES RECEIVED -

ESD and EXSEC both responded with "no record"

- COMMENTS (MODIFICATIONS, MFR, ETC) -

07-F-0309 and 07-F-0306 are requests for the same document. Both cases are being closed and final responses will need to be cleared with PA before releasing to the requesters.

TEAM CHIEF COMMENTS:

06 APR 2007

PA has seen

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07-F-0309

From: Lolita C. Baldor [nobody@dtic.mil]
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2006 4:19 PM
To: DFOISR, DOD/DFOISR/WH
Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request

Submitted: [13/Nov/2006:16:18:52]

Name: Lolita C. Baldor
Organization: Associated Press
E-mail: (b)(6)
Phone number: (b)(6)

Address 1: 2021 K. St. NW
Address 2: 6th Floor
City: Washington
State: DC
ZIP Code: 20006
Country: USA

Requester Control Number:

Request Message:

Nov. 13, 2006

Office of Freedom of Information and Security Review
1155 Defense Pentagon
Washington DC 20301-1155

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is a request under the federal Freedom of Information Act, as amended, 5 USC 552.

I am seeking a copy of the letter Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld sent to President Bush regarding his resignation from office last week.

I am requesting this information for the purpose of possible public dissemination in a news article and therefore request that you waive charges pursuant to 5 USC 552 (a) (4) (A), Fed. Reg. 7296, Section 1900.25. I am a full time journalist employed by The Associated Press.

If you deny this request for a waiver, please advise me in advance of the estimated charges so that I may decide whether to pay the fees or appeal your denial of my request for a waiver of charges.

As I am making this request in the capacity of a journalist and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate your communicating with me by telephone, rather than by mail, if you have any questions regarding this request. My number is 202-776-9863; and I am in Room 2D535 of the Pentagon.

Thank you for your assistance, and I will look forward to receiving your reply as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Lolita C. Baldor
Associated Press, Pentagon Reporter

Willing To Pay: \$ see above letter

Submitted via <http://www.dod.mil/pubs/foi/foiarequest.html>

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WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1155

Fax

To: (b)(6) (2) OASD(PA) From: Jeanne Miller, (703) 696-3182
Fax: Pages: 5 (including cover)
Phone: Date: 4/3/2007
Re: FOIA REQUESTS 07-F-0306 & 07-F-0309CG

☐ Urgent ☒ For Review ☐ Please Comment ☐ Please Reply ☐ Please Recycle

• Comments:

COORDINATION OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST FOR NEWS MEDIA CATEGORY REQUESTER.

In response to FOIA requests from Ms. Kristen Roberts of Reuters and Ms. Lolita C. Baldor of the Associated Press, this office intends to release the attached final response letters. Please be advised that both requests were for a copy of the letter Defense Secretary Rumsfeld sent to President Bush regarding his resignation from office. No responsive document was located. Please contact the action officer, Jeanne Miller, at 703-696-3182 or (b)(6) if you have any questions or concerns regarding this action.

Thank you,

Jeanne Miller
FOIA Analyst

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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)
Office Transmittal

Case 07-F-0309

Requester MS Lolita C. Balder

Request for a copy of the letter Defense Secretary
Donald H. Rumsfeld sent to President Bush
regarding his resignation.

No Record exists in ESD.

No Record exists in Exec Sec or Sec Def Office

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
OFFICE OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Control Number and Date:
07-F-0309
13 March 2007

Action Assigned to: **EXSEC**

ATTN: (b)(6)

Attached is a FOIA request from the Associated Press for a copy of the letter Secretary Donald Rumsfeld sent to President Bush regarding his resignation. This office has also received the same request from Reuters.

Please conduct a search for the responsive document and review it for your release determination. Please bracket information that you determine requires withholding and indicate the appropriate FOIA exemption in the adjacent margin.

Please be advised that ESD has already been tasked to conduct a search for this document and provided a "no record" response. A copy of SD Form 472 is enclosed.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACTION

Under Provisions of the FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (5 USC § 552) and DoD Regulation 5400.7-R, respond no later than: 30 March 2007

READ AND FOLLOW THESE SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Handle this material as a package. Do not section or allow the package to become separated from this cover.
2. Read the attached FOIA Explanation of Exemptions sheet and, if applicable, the Classified Information Withholding Criteria sheet. Complete and return the enclosed SD Form 472 and DD Form 2086, along with the SD Form 466 and any related documents to this office for processing. Attach additional instructions, if necessary. If there is anything you do not fully understand or need clarified, contact:
Jeanne Miller (703) 696-3182 or (b)(6)
3. When this action is completed, place in distribution or deliver to the Pentagon OSD Mailroom (Room 3C843). For further assistance, call (703) 696-4689.

REQUEST INFORMATION SHEET				SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK	
TO: OFOISR ROOM 2C757, PENTAGON		1. TYPE OF REQUEST <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INITIAL <input type="checkbox"/> APPEAL		This form is to be used for recording disclosure/ non-disclosure determination associated with processing a Freedom of Information or Privacy request.	
2. CASE NO. FOIA 07-F-0309		3. RECORD PROVIDED TO PROPONENT FOR REVIEW? <input type="checkbox"/>		4. COMPONENT SEARCH RESULTS <input type="checkbox"/> RECORD FOUND <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO RECORD	
5. - 8. RECORD DESCRIPTIONS					
5.a. DATE (YYYYMMDD)	b. SECURITY CLASSIFICATION	d. ADDRESSEE		f. SUBJECT/TITLE	
c. TYPE		e. ORIGINATOR			
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<input type="checkbox"/> GRANT IN FULL <input type="checkbox"/> DENY <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSFER TO:					
<input type="checkbox"/> GRANT IN PART <input type="checkbox"/> NO OBJECTION TO DISCLOSURE					
10. EXEMPTIONS INVOLVED FOR DENIALS (See 5 USC 552, 5 USC 552a, DoD Regulation 5400.7-R, and DoD Regulation 5400.11-R)					
11. RATIONALE FOR DENIAL					
12. REMARKS <i>Based upon information provided there were no records found.</i>					
13. COORDINATION					
a. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		b. OFFICE SYMBOL		c. TELEPHONE NO.	d. CONCUR
14. ACTION OFFICER					
a. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) (b)(6)		b. RANK GS-15	c. TITLE Dir, Exec Sec/SRVs		e. OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBER 203.692.7137
15. APPROVAL/DENIAL AUTHORITY					
a. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) (b)(6)		b. RANK SES	c. TITLE Executive Secretary		e. DATE (YYYYMMDD) 2007 05 22



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
OFFICE OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Control Number and Date:
07-F-0309
16 November 2006

Action Assigned to: ESD

Attn: (b)(6)

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Please conduct a search for documents responsive to the attached FOIA request.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACTION

Under Provisions of the FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (5 USC § 552) and DoD Regulation 5400.7-R, respond no later than: 8 December 2006

READ AND FOLLOW THESE SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

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11. RATIONALE FOR DENIAL				
12. REMARKS Based on information provided there were no records found.				
13. COORDINATION				
a. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)	b. OFFICE SYMBOL	c. TELEPHONE NO.	d. CONCUR	e. NON-CONCUR
14. ACTION OFFICER				
a. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) (b)(6)	b. TITLE FOIA Officer	(b)(6)	OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBER 703-697-9285	
15. APPROVAL/DENIAL AUTHORITY				
a. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) (b)(6)	b. TITLE ESD/Chief, Correspondence Control Division	(b)(6)	d. DATE (YYYYMMDD) 20061201	

RECORD OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (FOI) PROCESSING COST <i>Please read instructions on back before completing form.</i>				REPORT CONTROL SYMBOL DD-DA&M(A)1365	
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c. OTHER/COORDINATION/DENIAL		3			0.00
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c. OTHER/COORDINATION/DENIAL		3			0.00
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(2) Professional Hours		1			0.00
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			<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> \$67.50 Yes No Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No </div> <div> See Chapter 6, Fee Schedule, DoD 5400.7-R, to determine appropriate assessment of fees. </div> </div>		

FOI/PA CASE ASSIGNMENT WORKSHEET

Case No: 07-F-0306

ACTION ASSIGNED TO Miller

TEAM: A B C PMB

REVIEWER DH CARD

TYPE REQUEST: Appeal Commercial Educational News/Media NonCom/Scientific Other

EXPEDITED RESPONSE REQUESTED GRANT? Y N

DCII CHECK

UP-FRONT DOCUMENT SEARCH

DATE RECEIVED:

REMARKS: See 07-F-0306 for similar request

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E-FOIA REPLY

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(DS) Defense Systems	
(DSB) Defense Science Board	
(DSMC) Defense Systems Management College	
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(I&E) Installations & Environment	
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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST INTERIM RESPONSE
(COMPLEX REQUESTS)**

1. DATE OF REQUEST	2. DATE RECEIVED	3. CASE WORKLOAD	4. CASE NUMBER
Nov 13, 2006	Nov 14, 2006	2400	07 F 2609

This is an interim response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received in this office on the above date. Your request has been assigned the case number indicated above, and is being processed as quickly as possible in accordance with procedural requirements promulgated in DoD Regulation 5400.7-R at 32 CFR 286. As currently worded, your request may take considerable time to complete. The actual processing time will depend upon its complexity, whether it involves sensitive records, voluminous records, extensive searches, consultation among DoD components or other agencies, and our administrative workload which is listed in block 3 above.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss how to limit your request in order to speed up the processing time, please call:

(703) 696-3492 and ask for John J. McHugh

Office of Freedom of Information and Security Review
Room 2C757, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1155



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APR 06 2007

Ref: 07-F-0306

Kristin Roberts
U.S. Military Affairs Correspondent
Reuters
1333 H Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Roberts:

This is the final response to your electronic Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated November 13, 2006, for "a copy of the resignation letter sent from U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld to President George W. Bush in November 2006." I apologize for the delay of this response, which was caused by the need to consult with other Department of Defense (DoD) components. A thorough search of the records systems maintained by the Executive Secretariat and the Washington Headquarters Services, Executive Services Directorate, the office which maintains the records of the Secretary of Defense, revealed no records responsive to your request.

Should you deem this no record response to be a denial of your request, you may submit an administrative appeal to James Hogan, Chief, Policy, Appeals and Litigation Branch at the above address. Your appeal should be postmarked within 60 calendar days of the date of this response, should cite to case number 07-F-0306, and should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." There are no fees associated with this response.

Sincerely,

Will Kammer

Will Kammer
Chief



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Ref: 07-F-0306

Kristin Roberts
U.S. Military Affairs Correspondent
Reuters
1333 H Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Ms. Roberts:

This is an interim response to your November 13, 2006, electronic Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, which we received on the same day. You have requested "a copy of the resignation letter sent from U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld to President George W. Bush in November 2006." We have assigned your request FOIA case number 07-F-0306.

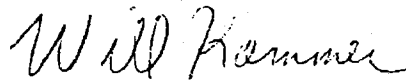
You have also requested that this request receive expedited processing "due to the compelling need to disseminate information concerning secretary's official activities and official correspondence related to his leadership of the department." By requesting expedited processing you are asking that this Office place your request ahead of all other requests that were received before your request. Requests will be taken out of chronological order based on the date of receipt and given expedited treatment only when it is determined that they involve: (1) circumstances in which lack of such treatment could reasonably be expected to pose an imminent threat to the life or safety of an individual; (2) there is an urgency to inform the public about an actual or alleged federal government activity, if made by a person primarily engaged in disseminating information; (3) the loss of substantial due process rights; or (4) humanitarian need. See 32 C.F.R. § 286.4(d)(3).

You have identified yourself as a reporter for Reuters and that the request is made as part of news gathering and not for a commercial purpose. Therefore, I find that you qualify as a representative of the news media for fee purposes. When a requester claims that information is urgently needed it ordinarily means that the information has a particular value that will be lost if not disseminated quickly and that it is the subject of a breaking news story of general public interest. The resignation of the Secretary of Defense was extensively covered in the national and international press and is no longer a breaking news story. In addition, you have failed to demonstrate how the value of this information will be lost if it is not disseminated quickly. For these reasons, I have decided to deny your request for expedited processing.

Although you have not addressed the specific amount of fees you are willing to pay, as a member of the news media, you are only responsible for document reproduction at \$0.15 per page, after the first 100 pages. I do not anticipate that document reproduction, if necessary, will exceed the 100 free pages of duplication to which you are entitled.

If you are not satisfied with my action on your request for expedited processing, you may submit an administrative appeal to James Hogan, Chief, Policy, Appeals and Litigation Branch at the above address. Your appeal should be postmarked within 60 days of the date of this letter, should cite to case number 07-F-0306 and should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Will Kammer".

Will Kammer
Chief

FOI/PA CASE ASSIGNMENT WORKSHEET

Case No:

07-F-0309

ACTION ASSIGNED TO Miller TEAM: A B C PMB REVIEWER DH CARD

TYPE REQUEST: Appeal Commercial Educational News/Media NonCom/Scientific Other

EXPEDITED RESPONSE REQUESTED X GRANT? Y N DCII CHECK

UP-FRONT DOCUMENT SEARCH

DATE RECEIVED:

REMARKS: Identical to 07-F-0309 from the AP (Harry did not request expedited)

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Fax

To: (b)(6) OASD(PA) From: Jeanne Miller, (703) 696-3182
Fax: Pages: 5 (including cover)
Phone: Date: 4/3/2007
Re: FOIA REQUESTS 07-F-0306 & 07-F-0309CC:

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• Comments:

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Thank you,

Jeanne Miller
FOIA Analyst

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APR 06 2007

Ref: 07-F-0309

Lolita C. Baldor
Associated Press
2021 K St., NW
Washington, DC 20009

Dear Ms. Baldor:

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Sincerely,

Will Kammer

Will Kammer
Chief

TEAM B CASE#: 07-F-0309

ACTION OFFICER: Jeanne Miller

FINAL ACTION

GRANT

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PARTIAL

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ADMIN CLOSE-OUT

*forwarded to 7A
on 4/2/07
ready to close*

CASE HISTORY

- ACTION TASKED TO (INCLUDE REFERRALS) -

ESD, EXSEC

- RESPONSES RECEIVED -

ESD and EXSEC both responded with "no record"

- COMMENTS (MODIFICATIONS, MFR, ETC) -

07-F-0309 and 07-F-0306 are requests for the same document. Both cases are being closed and final responses will need to be cleared with PA before releasing to the requesters.

TEAM CHIEF COMMENTS:

06 APR 2007

PA has seen

From: Lolita C. Baldor [nobody@dtic.mil]
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2006 4:19 PM
To: DFOISR, DOD/DFOISR/WHs
Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request

Submitted: [13/Nov/2006:16:18:52]

Name: Lolita C. Baldor
Organization: Associated Press
E-mail: (b)(6)
Phone number: (b)(6)

Address 1: 2021 K. St. NW
Address 2: 6th Floor
City: Washington
State: DC
ZIP Code: 20006
Country: USA

Requester Control Number:

Request Message:

Nov. 13, 2006

Office of Freedom of Information and Security Review
1155 Defense Pentagon
Washington DC 20301-1155

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is a request under the federal Freedom of Information Act, as amended, 5 USC 552.

I am seeking a copy of the letter Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld sent to President Bush regarding his resignation from office last week.

I am requesting this information for the purpose of possible public dissemination in a news article and therefore request that you waive charges pursuant to 5 USC 552 (a) (4) (A), Fed. Reg. 7296, Section 1900.25. I am a full time journalist employed by The Associated Press.

If you deny this request for a waiver, please advise me in advance of the estimated charges so that I may decide whether to pay the fees or appeal your denial of my request for a waiver of charges.

As I am making this request in the capacity of a journalist and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate your communicating with me by telephone, rather than by mail, if you have any questions regarding this request. My number is 202-776-9863, and I am in Room 2D535 of the Pentagon.

Thank you for your assistance, and I will look forward to receiving your reply as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Lolita C. Baldor
Associated Press, Pentagon Reporter

Willing To Pay: \$ see above letter

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Submitted via <http://www.dod.mil/pubs/foi/foiarequest.html>

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Jeanne Miller
FOIA Analyst

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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)
Office Transmittal

Case 07-F-0309

Requester MS Lolita C. Balder

Request for a copy of the letter Defense Secretary
Donald H. Rumsfeld sent to President Bush
Regarding his Resignation.

No Record exists in ESD.

No Record exists in ExecSec or SecDef Office

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
OFFICE OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Control Number and Date:
07-F-0309
13 March 2007

Action Assigned to: **EXSEC**

ATTN: (b)(6)

Attached is a FOIA request from the Associated Press for a copy of the letter Secretary Donald Rumsfeld sent to President Bush regarding his resignation. This office has also received the same request from Reuters.

Please conduct a search for the responsive document and review it for your release determination. Please bracket information that you determine requires withholding and indicate the appropriate FOIA exemption in the adjacent margin.

Please be advised that ESD has already been tasked to conduct a search for this document and provided a "no record" response. A copy of SD Form 472 is enclosed.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACTION

Under Provisions of the FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (5 USC § 552) and DoD Regulation 5400.7-R, respond no later than: 30 March 2007

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d. OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBER 203.692 7137					
15. APPROVAL/DENIAL AUTHORITY					
a. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) (b)(6)		b. RANK SES		c. TITLE Executive Secretary	
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Action Assigned to: ESD

Attn: (b)(6)

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Please conduct a search for documents responsive to the attached FOIA request.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACTION

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 REMARKS: SEE 07-F-0306 for similar request

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1. DATE OF REQUEST	2. DATE RECEIVED	3. CASE WORKLOAD	4. CASE NUMBER
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This is an interim response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received in this office on the above date. Your request has been assigned the case number indicated above, and is being processed as quickly as possible in accordance with procedural requirements promulgated in DoD Regulation 5400.7-R at 32 CFR 286. As currently worded, your request may take considerable time to complete. The actual processing time will depend upon its complexity, whether it involves sensitive records, voluminous records, extensive searches, consultation among DoD components or other agencies, and our administrative workload which is listed in block 3 above.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss how to limit your request in order to speed up the processing time, please call:

(703) 156-2082 and ask for John M. Miller

Office of Freedom of Information and Security Review
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Ref: 07-F-0306

Kristin Roberts
U.S. Military Affairs Correspondent
Reuters
1333 H Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Roberts:

This is the final response to your electronic Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated November 13, 2006, for "a copy of the resignation letter sent from U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld to President George W. Bush in November 2006." I apologize for the delay of this response, which was caused by the need to consult with other Department of Defense (DoD) components. A thorough search of the records systems maintained by the Executive Secretariat and the Washington Headquarters Services, Executive Services Directorate, the office which maintains the records of the Secretary of Defense, revealed no records responsive to your request.

Should you deem this no record response to be a denial of your request, you may submit an administrative appeal to James Hogan, Chief, Policy, Appeals and Litigation Branch at the above address. Your appeal should be postmarked within 60 calendar days of the date of this response, should cite to case number 07-F-0306, and should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." There are no fees associated with this response.

Sincerely,

Will Kammer

Will Kammer
Chief



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1333 H Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Ms. Roberts:

This is an interim response to your November 13, 2006, electronic Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, which we received on the same day. You have requested "a copy of the resignation letter sent from U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld to President George W. Bush in November 2006." We have assigned your request FOIA case number 07-F-0306.

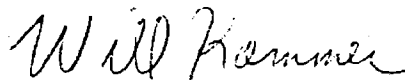
You have also requested that this request receive expedited processing "due to the compelling need to disseminate information concerning secretary's official activities and official correspondence related to his leadership of the department." By requesting expedited processing you are asking that this Office place your request ahead of all other requests that were received before your request. Requests will be taken out of chronological order based on the date of receipt and given expedited treatment only when it is determined that they involve: (1) circumstances in which lack of such treatment could reasonably be expected to pose an imminent threat to the life or safety of an individual; (2) there is an urgency to inform the public about an actual or alleged federal government activity, if made by a person primarily engaged in disseminating information; (3) the loss of substantial due process rights; or (4) humanitarian need. See 32 C.F.R. § 286.4(d)(3).

You have identified yourself as a reporter for Reuters and that the request is made as part of news gathering and not for a commercial purpose. Therefore, I find that you qualify as a representative of the news media for fee purposes. When a requester claims that information is urgently needed it ordinarily means that the information has a particular value that will be lost if not disseminated quickly and that it is the subject of a breaking news story of general public interest. The resignation of the Secretary of Defense was extensively covered in the national and international press and is no longer a breaking news story. In addition, you have failed to demonstrate how the value of this information will be lost if it is not disseminated quickly. For these reasons, I have decided to deny your request for expedited processing.

Although you have not addressed the specific amount of fees you are willing to pay, as a member of the news media, you are only responsible for document reproduction at \$0.15 per page, after the first 100 pages. I do not anticipate that document reproduction, if necessary, will exceed the 100 free pages of duplication to which you are entitled.

If you are not satisfied with my action on your request for expedited processing, you may submit an administrative appeal to James Hogan, Chief, Policy, Appeals and Litigation Branch at the above address. Your appeal should be postmarked within 60 days of the date of this letter, should cite to case number 07-F-0306 and should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Will Kammer".

Will Kammer
Chief

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To: (b)(6) (2) OASD(PA) From: Jeanne Miller, (703) 696-3182
Fax: Pages: 5 (including cover)
Phone: Date: 4/3/2007
Re: FOIA REQUESTS 07-F-0306 & 07-F-0309CC:

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COORDINATION OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST FOR NEWS MEDIA CATEGORY REQUESTER.

In response to FOIA requests from Ms. Kristen Roberts of Reuters and Ms. Lolita C. Baldor of the Associated Press, this office intends to release the attached final response letters. Please be advised that both requests were for a copy of the letter Defense Secretary Rumsfeld sent to President Bush regarding his resignation from office. No responsive document was located. Please contact the action officer, Jeanne Miller, at 703-696-3182 or jeanne.miller.ctr@whs.mil if you have any questions or concerns regarding this action.

Thank you,

Jeanne Miller
FOIA Analyst

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Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD

From: Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2007 1:26 PM
To: Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD; Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD
Subject: RE: FOIA : Sec. Rumsfeld's resignation letter

Mary tells me that we had two requests for this document--one from the AP and one from Reuters. We have sent out two "no records" responses to these requests, so our cases are closed.

-----Original Message-----

From: Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2007 1:14 PM
To: Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD (Karen.Finnegan@whs.mil); Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD (mary.wahling@whs.mil)
Subject: FW: FOIA : Sec. Rumsfeld's resignation letter

I seem to remember at least one request for this. Please put together the storyline and we will discuss.

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) (b)(2) DoD OGC [mailto:(b)(6) (b)(2)]
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2007 12:11 PM
To: Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD; Hogan, James CIV WHS/ESD
Cc: Ney, Paul, Mr, DoD OGC
Subject: FW: FOIA : Sec. Rumsfeld's resignation letter

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>From: Ney, Paul, Mr, DoD OGC
>Sent: Monday, May 21, 2007 12:08 PM
>To: Aly, Stewart, Mr, DoD OGC; (b)(6) (b)(2)
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>(b)(6) (b)(2) Marrone, Christian, Mr, DoD OGC; Ney, Paul, Mr, DoD OGC;
>Reheuser, Michael, Mr, DoD OGC; (b)(6)
>Subject: FOIA : Sec. Rumsfeld's resignation letter
>
>Anyone have any knowledge about a pending FOIA request for this? Is there any associated litigation or controversy that you may be aware of? I think the request is by Reuters.
>
>Paul Ney
>Deputy General Counsel (Legal Counsel)
>Office of the General Counsel
>Department of Defense
>1600 Defense Pentagon, Room (b)(6) (b)(2)
>Washington, DC 20301-1600
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Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD

From: Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2007 9:17 AM
To: Wailing, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD
Cc: Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD
Subject: FW: SECDEF Letter

Attachments: 710873 rumsfeld.pdf



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rumsfeld.pdf (199 KB)

Mary: I believe that your team handled the two media requests for access to Mr. Rumsfeld's resignation letter. (b)(5)

Thanks,
Karen

-----Original Message-----

From: Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2007 8:45 AM
To: Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD (Karen.Finnegan@whs.mil)
Subject: FW: SECDEF Letter

-----Original Message-----

From: Ney, Paul, Mr, DoD OGC (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Friday, May 25, 2007 5:40 PM
To: Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD
Cc: (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)
Subject: SECDEF Letter

Will,
FYI. Here's a copy of Secretary Rumsfeld's resignation letter.
Paul

Paul Ney
Deputy General Counsel (Legal Counsel)
Office of the General Counsel
Department of Defense
1600 Defense Pentagon, Room (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)
Washington, DC 20301-1600

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Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD

From: Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD
Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2007 10:40 AM
To: (b)(6) (b)(2)
Cc: Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD; Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD
Subject: FW: FOIA Release

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) (b)(2)
Sent: Friday, June 08, 2007 10:38 AM
To: Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD
Subject: RE: FOIA Release

Written it up and it is in coordination.

-----Original Message-----

From: Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD [mailto:mary.wahling@whs.mil]
Sent: Friday, June 08, 2007 10:36 AM
To: (b)(6) (b)(2)
Cc: Jacobsmeyer, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD
Subject: RE: FOIA Release

(b)(5), (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD
Sent: Thursday, May 31, 2007 8:17 AM
To: (b)(6) (b)(2)
Cc: Jacobsmeyer, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD
Subject: FOIA Release

(b)(6)

In April this Office responded to two Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests for a copy of Secretary Rumsfeld's resignation letter. As you know, in our response we advised the two news media requesters (Associated Press and Reuters) that we had no record of the resignation letter. Subsequent to our response, a news article was published which apparently generated White House interest. (b)(5)

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2007 10:51 AM
To: Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD
Cc: Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD; Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD
Subject: RE: FOIA Release

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(b)(6)

Assistant Director for Programs
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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, June 08, 2007 10:38 AM
To: Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD
Subject: RE: FOIA Release

Written it up and it is in coordination.

-----Original Message-----

From: Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD [mailto:mary.wahling@whs.mil]
Sent: Friday, June 08, 2007 10:36 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: Jacobsmeyer, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD
Subject: RE: FOIA Release

(b)(5), (b)(6)

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From: Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD
Sent: Tuesday, August 07, 2007 4:48 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD; Jacobsmeyer, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD
Subject: RE: Exec Sec and the SECDEF Letters
Signed By: karen.finnegan.civ@whs.mil

(b)(6) Mary [REDACTED]
(b)(5) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Karen

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 07, 2007 4:12 PM
To: Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD
Cc: Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD; Jacobsmeyer, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD
Subject: FW: Exec Sec and the SECDEF Letters

Karen: No response to below email.

(b)(5) [REDACTED]

(b)(6) [REDACTED]

(b)(5) [REDACTED]
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(b)(5) [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 06, 2007 4:03 PM
To: Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD
Cc: Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD; Jacobsmeyer, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD
Subject: RE: Exec Sec and the SECDEF Letters

[REDACTED]

(b)(6) [REDACTED]
Assistant Director for Programs
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(b)(6) [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD

Sent: Monday, August 06, 2007 3:28 PM

To: (b)(6)

Cc: Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD; Jacobsmeyer, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD

Subject: Exec Sec and the SECDEF Letters

(b)(6)



-----Original Message-----

From: Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD

Sent: Thursday, August 02, 2007 10:04 AM

To: (b)(6)

Cc: Jacobsmeyer, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD

Subject: FOIA Case 07-P-1032



Thanks.

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Sent: Wednesday, August 08, 2007 7:59 AM
To: Jacobsmeyer, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD; (b)(6) (b)(2) Wahling, Mary L.
CIV WHS/ESD
Subject: Re: Exec Sec and the SECDEF Letters

(b)(5)

Karen Finnegan
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To: (b)(6) (b)(2) Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD
Cc: Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD
Sent: Wed Aug 08 07:56:05 2007
Subject: RE: Exec Sec and the SECDEF Letters

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Mary: Per (b)(5),(b)(6)

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Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2007 1:39 PM
To: Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD; Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD
Cc: Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD; Jacobsmeyer, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD
Subject: RE: Rumsfeld Resignation Letter
Signed By: james.hogan@whs.mil

Paul,

This doesn't sound like the letter you told me about.

He mailed it??

Jim

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From: Jacobsmeyer, Paul J, CIV WHS/ESD
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2007 3:06 PM
To: (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)
Cc: (b)(6) (b)(7)(C); Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD; Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD; Hogan, James CIV WHS/ESD; Wahling, Mary L, CIV WHS/ESD
Subject: FW: Rumsfeld Resignation Letter
Signed By: paul.jacobsmeier@whs.mil

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Paul J. Jacobsmeyer

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From: Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2007 4:16 PM
To: Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD (mary.wahling@whs.mil); Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD (Karen.Finnegan@whs.mil); James Hogan
Subject: FW: FOIA Release

The latest.

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2007 2:15 PM
To: Glassner, Craig SES WHS/ESD
Cc: Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD
Subject: RE: FOIA Release

Agree.

(b)(6)

Assistant Director for Programs
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(b)(6)

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From: Glassner, Craig SES WHS/ESD
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2007 2:42 PM
To: (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)
Subject: FW: FOIA Release

(b)(6)

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>Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2007 2:25 PM
>To: (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)
>Subject: FOIA Release
>Importance: High

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>Craig

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Hogan, James CIV WHS/ESD

From: Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2007 5:23 PM
To: Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD; Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD; Hogan, James CIV WHS/ESD
Subject: Re: FOIA Release

(b)(5)

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From: Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD
To: Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD (mary.wahling@whs.mil); Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD (Karen.Finnegan@whs.mil); James Hogan
Sent: Thu Jun 21 16:16:21 2007
Subject: FW: FOIA Release

The latest.

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From: (b)(6) (b)(2)
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2007 2:45 PM
To: Glassner, Craig SES WHS/ESD
Cc: Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD
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(b)(2)

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Hogan, James CIV WHS/ESD

From: Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD
Sent: Friday, June 22, 2007 7:24 AM
To: Hogan, James CIV WHS/ESD
Cc: Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD; Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD
Subject: RE: FOIA Release

Jim-
Their were two requests (both media) for which we gave a "no record" response.

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To: Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD; Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD; Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD
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I think there is a request. It may have come in on a day you were out.

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Sent: Thu Jun 21 17:22:42 2007
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Subject: RE: Rumsfeld Resignation Letter

Thanks, (b)(6) We are aware of the issue. Paul Ney has been in touch with the EXSEC office for a while on this one. Nothing has changed in the past month or so, if any of you hear of anything, pls let me know, and I will do the same.

(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)
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To: (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)
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For info, (b)(6) See email that follows, same subject. (b)(6)

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Miller, Jeanne CTR WHS/ESD

From: Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2007 9:34 AM
To: Miller, Jeanne CTR WHS/ESD
Subject: FW: SECDEF Letter

Attachments: 710873 rumsfeld.pdf



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rumsfeld.pdf (199 KB)

Jeanne-

(b)(5)

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I've

asked (b)(5) to print out the letter on the color printer.

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Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2007 9:17 AM
To: Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD
Cc: Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD
Subject: FW: SECDEF Letter

Mary: I believe that your team handled the two media requests for access to Mr. Rumsfeld's resignation letter. (b)(5)

(b)(5)

Thanks,
Karen

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From: Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2007 8:45 AM
To: Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD (Karen.Finnegan@whs.mil)
Subject: FW: SECDEF Letter

Karen, here is the resignation letter we discussed Friday. (b)(5)

(b)(5)

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ney, Paul, Mr, DoD OGC (b)(6), (2)
Sent: Friday, May 25, 2007 5:40 PM
To: Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD
Cc: (b)(6), (2)
Subject: SECDEF Letter

Will,
FYI. Here's a copy of Secretary Rumsfeld's resignation letter.
Paul

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON

November 6, 2006

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Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. Rumsfeld", written over a horizontal line.

Donald Rumsfeld

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Miller, Jeanne CTR WHS/ESD

From: Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD
Sent: Friday, June 08, 2007 10:53 AM
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Cc: Jacobsmeyer, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD
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Miller, Jeanne CTR WHS/ESD

From: Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD
Sent: Friday, July 06, 2007 9:30 AM
To: Miller, Jeanne CTR WHS/ESD
Subject: Rumsfeld Resignation Letter

Jeanne-
Remind me to tell you about the development on Friday concerning the resignation letter.

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Jacobsmeier, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD

From: Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2007 8:08 AM
To: Jacobsmeier, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD
Cc: Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD; Miller, Jeanne CTR WHS/ESD; Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD
Subject: RE: EXSEC issue

I remember advising Will of the receipt of these requests. Let's get them tasked to EXSEC asap and ask that a quick search be conducted.

Thanks,
Karen

-----Original Message-----

From: Jacobsmeier, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2007 6:50 AM
To: Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD
Cc: Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD
Subject: FW: EXSEC issue

Karen--Jeannie brought up the below as a possible hot item to pursue with the EXSEC for search. VR, PJJ

-----Original Message-----

From: Miller, Jeanne CTR WHS/ESD
Sent: Friday, February 16, 2007 3:22 PM
To: Jacobsmeier, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD
Subject: EXSEC issue

Paul:

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Thanks,

Jeanne Miller
McNeil Project Manager/FOIA Action Officer Office of Freedom of Information Department of Defense
Phone: 703-696-3182
Fax: 703-696-4506

Jacobsmeier, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD

From: Miller, Jeanne CTR WHS/ESD
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2007 8:34 AM
To: Jacobsmeier, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD
Cc: Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD; Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD
Subject: RE: EXSEC issue

Paul - Thanks. I will wait for further instructions from Mary.

Jeanne

-----Original Message-----

From: Jacobsmeier, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2007 8:26 AM
To: Miller, Jeanne CTR WHS/ESD
Cc: Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD; Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD
Subject: RE: EXSEC issue

Jeannie--Karen wants this tasked out, but we think (b)(6) may have the Rumsfeld SECDEF records, so Mary is going to email (b)(6) first to see if he has it. Paul

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To: Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD
Cc: (b)(6), (2)
Subject: RE: Record Search
Signed By: (b)(6)

Well, if you want to dump it. The resignation letter would go to the office of the president that who would have the official letter. It is a matter of ownership, he passed that action to the President.

In the immediate office of the SECDEF
(b)(6) was the keeper of the SECDEF files

(b)(5)

(b)(5) Please use my experience and right up front ask who her supervisor is and deal with her. I offered the same advise to (b)(6) and it worked

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2007 9:49 AM
To: (b)(6), (2)
Subject: Record Search

(b)(6)

We have two FOIA requests for Mr. Rumsfeld's resignation letter and we have been unable to find a copy through ESD. Paul suggested I ask you if you might be of assistance.

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Jacobsmeier, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD

From: Jacobsmeier, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2007 11:44 AM
To: Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD; Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD
Cc: Hogan, James CIV WHS/ESD
Subject: FW: ExecSec FOIA Protocol

FYI.

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6), (2)
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2007 11:43 AM
To: Jacobsmeier, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD
Subject: RE: ExecSec FOIA Protocol

Great! Sounds like a couple of good cases to prime the pump. Will work 'em, Paul. (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Assistant Director for Programs
Executive Services Directorate
Washington Headquarters Services

(b)(2)

-----Original Message-----

From: Jacobsmeier, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2007 11:41 AM
To: (b)(6), (2)
Subject: RE: ExecSec FOIA Protocol

(b)(6) -Per our phone discussion prior to the ASAP Conference in Las Vegas, today I am forwarding to you--to forward to OSD EXSEC as you see fit--(b)(5)

(b)(5) The search is for SECDEF Rumsfeld's resignation letter to the President; ESD searched and has no record.

(b)(5)

VR, PJJ

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6), (2)
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2007 10:37 AM
To: Jacobsmeier, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD
Subject: RE: ExecSec FOIA Protocol

Good intel, Paul. Thanks. (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Assistant Director for Programs
Executive Services Directorate
Washington Headquarters Services

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: Jacobsmeier, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2007 9:12 AM
To: (b)(6), (2)
Subject: RE: ExecSec FOIA Protocol

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(b)(5)

VR, PJJ

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6), (2)
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2007 8:02 AM
To: Jacobsmeyer, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD
Cc: Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD
Subject: RE: ExecSec FOIA Protocol

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(b)(6)

Assistant Director for Programs
Executive Services Directorate
Washington Headquarters Services

(b)(1)

-----Original Message-----

From: Jacobsmeyer, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2007 8:01 AM
To: (b)(6), (2)
Cc: Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD
Subject: FW: ExecSec FOIA Protocol

(b)(6)

FYT, Will will get in at 0830, suggest we do conference call shortly thereafter.

VR, PJJ

-----Original Message-----

From: Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2007 7:59 AM
To: Jacobsmeyer, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD
Subject: Re: ExecSec FOIA Protocol

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To: (b)(6), (2) Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD; Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD
Sent: Thu Mar 01 07:25:51 2007
Subject: RE: ExecSec FOIA Protocol

Roger, I'm checking them out now. Keep in mind, also, that we have searches that would be fairly simple. VR, PJJ

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Subject: RE: ExecSec FOIA Protocol

Exactly what I want to discuss this morning, Paul. Would like a conference call as soon as all get in - around 8. (b)(5)

(b)(5)

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Pete.

(b)(6)

Assistant Director for Programs
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(b)(6)

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Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2007 6:52 AM

To: Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD; (b)(6) (1)

Finnegan, Karen CIV

WHS/ESD

Subject: RE: ExecSec FOIA Protocol

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(b)(5), (b)(6)

VR, PCJ

-----Original Message-----

From: Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD

Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2007 4:51 PM

To: (b)(6) (5) Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD (Karen.Finnegan@whs.mil);

Jacobsmeyer, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD (paul.jacobsmeyer@whs.mil)

Subject: RE: ExecSec FOIA Protocol

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)

Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2007 4:42 PM

To: Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD

Subject: ExecSec FOIA Protocol

Will: In the morning, let's have a brief conference call with Karen, Paul, and you to discuss where we are on this issue. I suspect we haven't sent a case over since (b)(6) left and they are stacking up on the floor beside Paul's desk.


(b)(6)

Assistant Director for Programs
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From: Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2007 1:53 PM
To: (b)(6), (2) DoD OGC
Cc: Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD; Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD
Subject: RE: FOIA : Sec. Rumsfeld's resignation letter

True enough, that story pretty much covers it. Mary checked and advised that the no-record response to Reuters in the story is true and came from our office. There was another request from the AP which we also answered with a no record. No appeals or litigation.

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6), (2) DoD OGC [mailto:(b)(6), (2)]
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2007 1:40 PM
To: Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD
Cc: Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD; Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD
Subject: RE: FOIA : Sec. Rumsfeld's resignation letter

I think this may give us all we need to know!:
<http://www.reuters.com/article/topNews/idUSN1540848320070515?feedType=RSS>

(b)(6)

DoD Office of General Counsel (Legal Counsel)
Phone: (b)(6), (2)
Fax: (b)(6)

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(b)(6), I'm reasonably sure that there is at least one request for the resignation letter. We are getting the story together and will get back to you.

Will

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6), (2) DoD OGC [mailto:(b)(6), (2)]
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2007 12:11 PM
To: Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD; Hogan, James CIV WHS/ESD
Cc: Ney, Paul, Mr, DoD OGC
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(b)(6), (2) Marrone, Christian, Mr, DoD OGC; Ney, Paul, Mr, DoD OGC;
Reheuser, Michael, Mr, DoD OGC; (b)(6), (2)
>Subject: FOIA : Sec. Rumsfeld's resignation letter
>
>Anyone have any knowledge about a pending FOIA request for this? Is there any associated litigation or controversy that you may be aware of? I think the request is by Reuters.
>
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From: Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD
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To: Ney, Paul, Mr, DoD OGC
Subject: SECDEF Letter - FOIA Response

Attachments:

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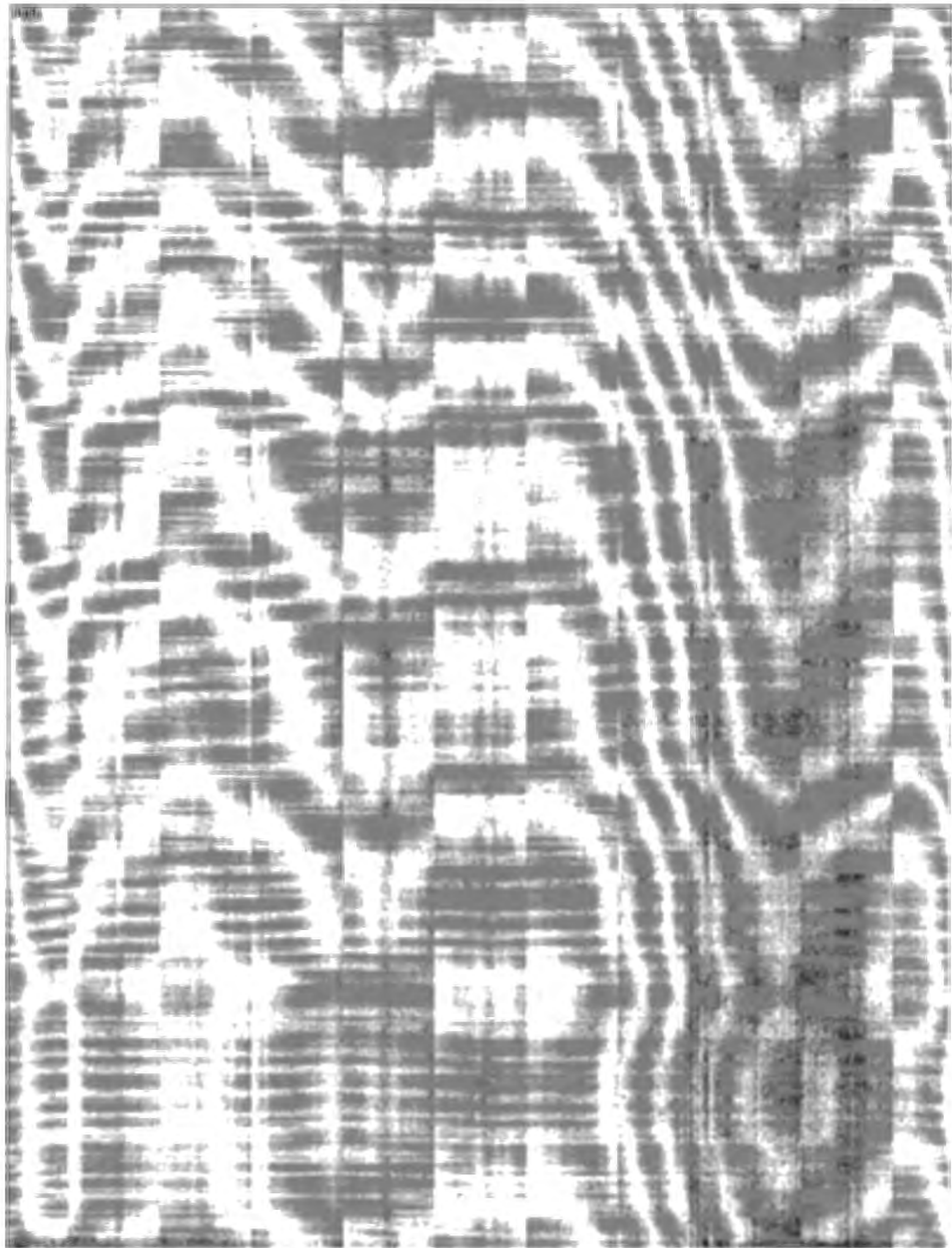


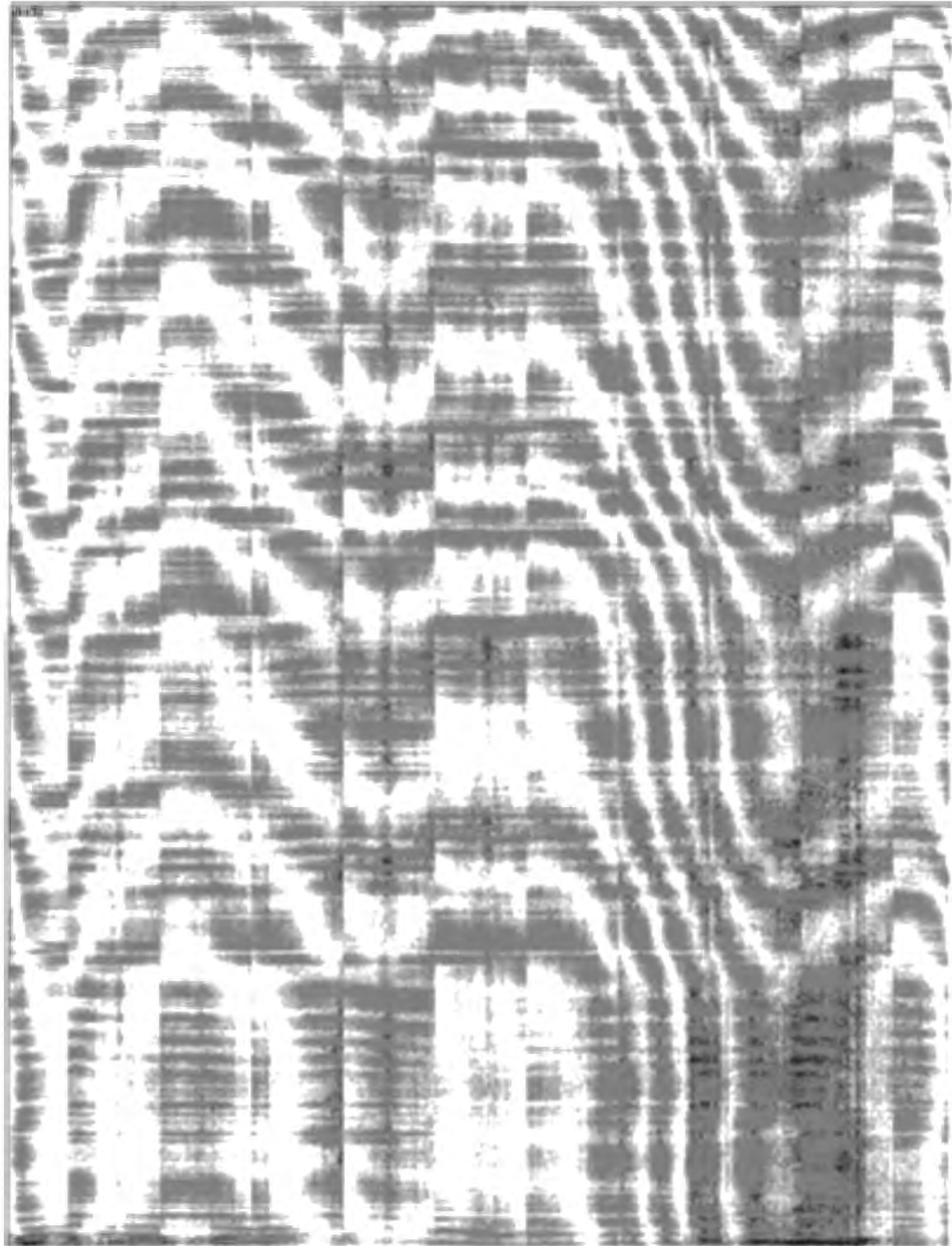
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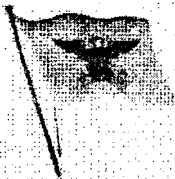
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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON

November 6, 2006

Dear Mr. President:

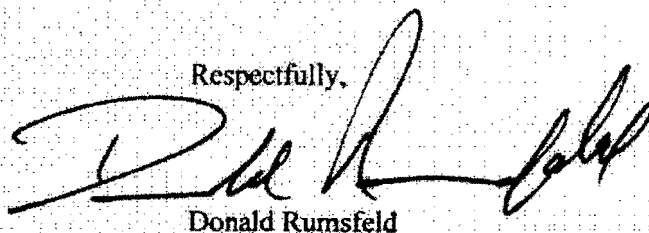
With my resignation as Secretary of Defense comes my deep appreciation to you for providing me this unexpected opportunity to serve.

I leave with great respect for you and for the leadership you have provided during a most challenging time for our country. The focus, determination and perseverance you have so consistently provided have been needed and are impressive.

It has been the highest honor of my long life to have been able to serve our country at such a critical time in our history and to have had the privilege of working so closely with the truly amazing young men and women in uniform. Their dedication, professionalism, courage and sacrifice are an inspiration.

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Respectfully,



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Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD

From: Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2007 5:23 PM
To: Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD; Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD; Hogan, James CIV WHS/ESD
Subject: Re: FOIA Release

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Karen Finnegan
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----- Original Message -----

From: Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD
To: Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD (mary.wahling@whs.mil); Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD (Karen.Finnegan@whs.mil); James Hogan
Sent: Thu Jun 21 16:16:21 2007
Subject: FW: FOIA Release

The latest.

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From: (b)(6) (2)
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2007 2:45 PM
To: Glassner, Craig SES WHS/ESD
Cc: Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD
Subject: RE: FOIA Release

Agree.

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Assistant Director for Programs
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Washington Headquarters Services

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From: Glassner, Craig SES WHS/ESD
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2007 2:42 PM
To: (b)(6) (2)
Subject: FW: FOIA Release

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See answers from (b)(6)

Based on his response I can go to Paul Ney and ask him for his insights, prognosis, etc.
Craig

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) (2)
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2007 2:35 PM
To: Glassner, Craig SES WHS/ESD
Subject: RE: FOIA Release

Pls see my responses below

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>From: Glassner, Craig SES WHS/ESD (b)(6) (2)
>Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2007 2:25 PM

>To: (b)(6)(3)
>Subject: FOIA Release
>Importance: High
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>Good Afternoon, (b)(6)
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>Just following up on our discussion yesterday.



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>Pls advise,----see my responses
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>Will keep you posted---or weigh in as you wish.----- (b)(6)
>
>Thank
>Craig
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Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD

From: Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD
Sent: Friday, July 06, 2007 9:30 AM
To: Miller, Jeanne CTR WHS/ESD
Subject: Rumsfeld Resignation Letter
Signed By: mary.wahling@whs.mil

Jeanne-
Remind me to tell you about the development on Friday concerning the resignation letter.

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