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The Pentagon, Room 4A1088E
Washington, DC 20330

RE: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Ms. Turner:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. Section 552, et seq. (as amended), I hereby request disclosure of the documents described on the last page of this letter for inspection and possible copying.

If you regard any of these documents as exempt from the FOIA's disclosure requirements, I request that you nonetheless exercise your discretion to disclose them. In this connection I note that you are required under the FOIA to release any reasonably segregable nonexempt portions of documents containing information you regard as exempt. Section 552(b). To permit an intelligent, informed decision whether or not to file an administrative appeal of any denial decision, you are also requested to describe withheld records (or portions thereof) and explain the logical and factual basis for exemption claims. See Mead Data Central, Inc. v. Department of the Air Force, 566 F.2d 242, 251 (D.C. Cir., 1977).

This request is made on behalf of the National Security Archive, a nonprofit public interest research institute and library located in Washington, D.C. The Archive is organized and operated as a division of the Fund For Peace, Inc., a tax-exempt nonprofit corporation. The Archive's purpose is to enrich public policy debate by making available records pertaining to important issues of major public concern in the areas of foreign, defense, intelligence, and international economic policy.

Documents obtained by the Archive, including the records requested in this letter, are carefully analyzed, indexed and organized into document sets in the Archive's collection and published. Document sets are available for inspection and copying by scholars, journalists, members of Congress and Congressional staffs, present and former public officials, other public interest organizations, and the general public at the Archive's Washington office. Information in the documents is disseminated across the country through distribution of comprehensive document indices to university and other research libraries and through the Archive's publications.

As a staff member of the Archive, I have been assigned to conduct research on the subject of this request. I am working as part of a research team which includes experts on this subject with a wide variety of educational and professional backgrounds relating to foreign affairs, defense, intelligence and international economic policy. Members of the team have conducted an extensive literature

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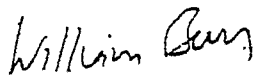
search at the Library of Congress and specialized research libraries and have determined that the requested materials are necessary to our research.

I further ask that you waive all fees in connection with this request. In National Security Archive v. U.S. Department of Defense, 830 F.2d 1381 (D.C. Cir. 1989), cert. denied March 19, 1990, the D.C. Circuit held that the Archive is entitled to a waiver of all search and review fees under the FOIA as a "representative of the news media". Id. at 1387. The appeals court also determined that Archive requests made in furtherance of its publication and related activities are not for a "commercial use." Id. at 1388.

This request also qualifies for a waiver of duplication fees because disclosure of the information in the requested documents is in the public interest as it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government. See 5 U.S.C. Section 552(a)(4)(A)(iii). Should you decline to waive or reduce all duplication fees, we are prepared to pay normal reproduction costs if I decided to copy the records produced. Our willingness to pay such fees is subject to our rights to appeal and litigate the fee waiver question. I further ask that if you decline to waive duplication fees that you set forth your specific reasons for doing so in writing and that you obtain our authorization before incurring costs in excess of \$100.

In order to expedite the release of the listed documents, I request that you disclose them on an interim basis as they become available to you, without waiting until all the documents have been assembled. If you have any questions that I might be able to answer regarding the identity of the records, their location, or the scope of the request, please call me at the number listed above. I look forward to receiving your response within the ten-day statutory time period.

Yours very truly,



William Burr

Attachment

Sequence Number: 330778912017

Date of Request: 05/08/1988

NSA Record Number: 6838

Subject of Request:

Copies of the following documents from Accession 84-1438, records of the Directorate of Plans, U.S. Air Force, held at Federal Records Center, Suitland:

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A. Box 42: file RL (61) 37 - Estimates (23 August 51 - 18 October 51), Sec. 1

1. Memo for SecDef, 9/8/51, Subject: "FFFNATOE," with attachments. (S)

2. JCS 1924/127, 9/27/51, with attachment. (TS)

3. Brief on JCS 1924/127, 10/3/51, with attachments.

B. Box 29: file RL (61) 43-3 ICBM (1 Jan 51 -)

1. Memo for Sec Def from Acting Sec Air Force, 8/28/51, subject: M-PC-25, with attachment, 8/5/51 on same subject.

2. Memo for Sec Def from Sec Air Force, 10/25/51, subject: M-P-C-25, with enclosure.

3. Memo for Sec Def from Sec Air force, 10/31/51, subject: M-P-C-25.

C. Box 31: file: RL (61) 51-2 32 Questions (10 May 51 -) Sec.

1. Ltr from AFXPB-RL-FPS to Dist., 2/1/51, subject: P 12, with attachments.

2. Memo for Distr from JCS, 2/28/51, subject: SOUTRESS (P 12) *Not Found*

3. Ltr from AFXPB-RL-FPS to Dist, subject: P 12, 2/18/51

4. Memo from Director NSIC from Sec Air Force, 2/22/51, subject: NRD P 12 and attachments

5. Final Report ASORSEUSS, 12/1/51 (Hickey Report)

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D. Box 45: file: RL (61) 75 Targets (6 Sep 51-25 Oct 51), Sec. 9 :

1. JCS 2056/279, 9/1/51

2. Brief on JCS 2056/279, 9/1/51 (TS)

E. Box 45: file: RL (61) 75 Targets (6 Sep 51-25 Oct 51), Sec. 10:

1. Memo for Record, 9/14/51, subject: GFS S10P-22

2. Brief on JCS 2056/285, 10/21/51, with attachments. *Not Found*

3. Brief on JCS 2056/285, 10/24/51

4. Talking Paper by Chairman, JCS, 10/22/51, subject: JCS 2056/285 *Not Found*

F. Any documents relating to a briefing given by W. W. Kaufmann on counterforce strategy or to RAND studies on nuclear strategy that may be found in in in box 45, file: RL (61) 75 - RAND (1 Jan 51 - 14 July 51)