

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

JUL 2 4 2007 Ref: 07-F-1800

Mr. Michael Ravnitzky

Dear Mr. Ravnitsky:

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

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<sup>(b)(6)</sup> 7-25-

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(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

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(I) Intelligence	
(CIFA) Counterintelligence Field Activity	
(JS) Joint Staff	
(LA) Legislative Affairs	
(NDU) National Defense Univ.	
(NII) 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 Lialson	
(PA) Public Affairs	
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(CMO) Coalition Affairs	
(GTS) Counternarcotics, Counterproliferation, and Giobal 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	
(PDUSDP) 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	

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(WHS) Washington Headquarters Service				
(A&P) Acquisition & Procurement				
(ESD) Executive Services Directorate				
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(HRD) Human Resources				
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OFOI Internal Worksheet, May 2007

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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

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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.

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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 FOLA office said ast 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 FOtA 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 deteat. They told reporters to file FOIA requests for the letter

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

APR 0 6 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

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- ACTION TASKED TO (INCLUDE REFERRALS) -

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- 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:**

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

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

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

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

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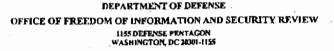
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COORDINATION OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST FOR NEWS MEDIA CATEGORY REQUESTER.

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, Jenne Miller, at 703-696-3182 o  $\binom{(b)(6)}{(b)}$  for you have any questions or concerns regarding this action.

Thank you,

Jsanne Miller FOIA Analyst

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

OFFICE OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

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

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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:

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Jeanne Miller (703) 696-3182 of

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.

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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

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Jeanne Miller (703) 696-3182 or (b)(6)

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(ECOADJ) Economic Adjustment	
(DDR&E) Defense Research and Engineering	
(DS) Defense Systems	
(DSB) Defense Science Board	
(DSMC) Defense Systems Management College	
(DUSDAR) DUSD Acquisition Reform	
(I&E) Installations & Environment	1
(JSFPO) Joint Strike Force Program Office	
(L&MR) Logistics & Material Readiness	
(DMEA) Defense Micro Electronics Activity	
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(MDA) Missile Defense Agency	7
(NCB) Nuclear, Chemical, & Biological Defense Programs	
(OSBP) Office of Small Business Programs	
(SPPGMS) Special Programs	
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	(JFSC) Joint Forces Staff College	
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	(NDU) National Defense University	
	(NII) Networks and Information Integration	
	(NSPS) National Security Personnel System	
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	(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	
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(APA) Asian and Pacific Affairs	
(DPMO) Defense POW Missing Personnel Affairs Office	
(DSCA) Defense Security Cooperation Agency	
(NESAA) Near Eastern & South Asian Affairs	
(WHA) Western Hemisphere Affairs	
(ISP) International Security Policy	
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(NP) Negotiations Policy	
(HD) Homeland Defense	
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(SO) Stability Operations	
(WHMO) White House Military Office	
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7Y . 13, 2000	No: 14 2006	2400	07 F 0309		
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) <u>1939</u> and ask for <u>1939</u> .					
Office of Freedom of Information and Security Review Room 2C757, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1155					

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

APR 0 6 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 Sccretary 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 Hammer

Will Kammer Chief



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NOV 2 0 2006

Ref: 07-F-0306

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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,

Will Hammer

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

APR 0 6 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.

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Sincerely,

Will Kammer

Will Kammer Chief **TEAM B CASE#:** 07-F-0309

ACTION OFFICER: Jeanne Miller

## FINAL ACTION

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### **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**:

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Lolita C. Baldor [nobody@dtic.mil] From: Monday, November 13, 2006 4:19 PM Sent: DFOISR, DOD/DFOISR/WHS To: Freedom of Information Act Request Subject: [13/Nov/2006:16:18:52] Submitted: Lolita C. Baldor Name: Organization: Associated Press (b)(6) E-mail: Phone number: 2021 K. St. NW Address 1: 6th Floor Address 2: Washington City: DC State: ZIP Code: 20006 USA Country: 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 Sender Information: REMOTE\_HOST: vwsdpl.dfw.xpc-mii.net REMOTE\_ADDR: 204.0.99.105 1

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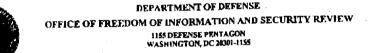
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Thank you,

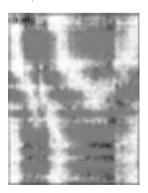
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Office TRANSMITTAI Requestor MS LoliTA C. BAldor CASE 07-F-0309

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 SecDet Office. OK.





# DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

OFFICE OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

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

Action Assigned to: EX

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**

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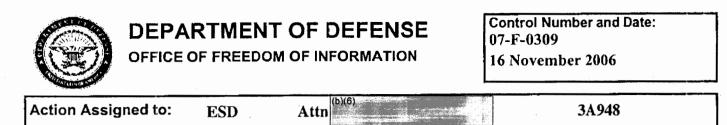
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Please conduct a search for documents responsive to the attached FOIA request.

# FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACTION

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APR 0 6 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,

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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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From:Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESDSent:Monday, May 21, 2007 1:26 PMTo:Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD; Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESDSubject: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 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

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

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>Subject: FOIA : Sec. Rumsfeld's resignation letter
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>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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>Paul Ney
>Deputy General Counsel (Legal Counsel)
>Office of the General Counsel
>Department of Defense
>1600 Defense Pentagon, Room
>Washington, DC 20301-1600
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From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject:	Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD Tuesday, May 29, 2007 9:17 AM Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD FW: SECDEF Letter
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From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD Tuesday, June 19, 2007 10:40 AM (D)(8) (C) (C) Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD; Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD 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)())(2) CC: Jacobsmeyer, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD Subject: RE: FOIA Release

-----Original Message-----From: Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD Sent: Thursday, May 31, 2007 8:17 AM To: (19)(6) (6) (6) (6) (7) Cc: Jacobsmeyer, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD Subject: FOIA Release

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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)



Attached is a copy of the resignation letter (White House copy) and a copy of our original coordination (SD Form 472) with your office.

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Mary Wahling Office of Freedom of Information Department of Defense 1155 Defense Pentagon Washington, D.C. 20301-1155 Voice: (703) 696-3233, FAX: (703)696-4506

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

(b)(6) Assistant Director for Programs Executive Services Directorate Washington Headquarters Services (b)(6)

----Original Message----From: Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD Sent: Tuesdav, June 19, 2007 10:40 AM To: <sup>(b)(6)</sup>

Cc: Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD; Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD Subject: FW: FOIA Release

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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: Fridav, June 08, 2007 10:36 AM To: (b)(6) Cc: Jacobsmeyer, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD Subject: RE: FOIA Release

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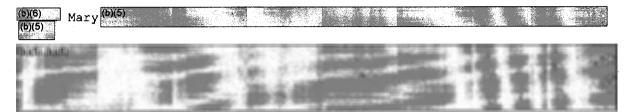
In April this Office responded to two Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests for a copy of Secretary Rumsfeld's resignation letter. As you know, in our response we advised the two news media requesters (Associated Press and Reuters) that we had no record of the resignation letter. Subsequent to our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

Attached is a copy of the resignation letter (White House copy) and a copy of our original coordination (SD Form 472) with your office.

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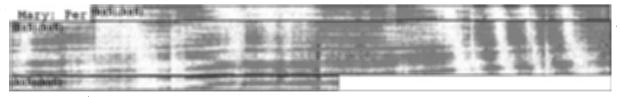
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Karen: No response to below email.

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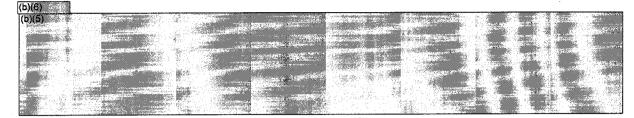
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Thanks. Mary Wahling Office of Freedom of Information Department of Defense 1155 Defense Pentagon Washington, D.C. 20301-1155 Voice: (703) 696-3233, FAX: (703)696-4506

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То:	Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD
Cc:	Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD; Jacobsmeyer, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD; Hogan, James CIV WHS/ESD
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Paul,

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

He mailed it??

Jim

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Subject: Signed By:



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#### Hogan, James CIV WHS/ESD

From: Sent: To:

Subject:

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

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Assistant Director for Programs Executive Services Directorate Washington Headquarters Services (b)(2)

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>From: Glassner, Craig SES WHS/ESD(b)(2)
>Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2007 2:25 PM
>To: (b)(6) (b)(2)
>Subject: FOIA Release
>Importance: High
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>Thanx
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Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD Thursday, June 21, 2007 5:23 PM Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD; Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD; Hogan, James CIV WHS/ESD Re: FOIA Release

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Karen Finnegan

Chief, Initial Processing Branch Office of Freedom of Information (703) 696-3081

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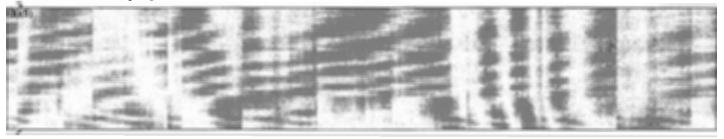
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#### Miller, Jeanne CTR WHS/ESD

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

Attachments:

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asked (b)(6) to print out the letter on the color printer.

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

Thanks, Karen

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Sent: Friday, May 25, 2007 5:40 PM To: Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD Cc: (6)(8),(2) Subject: SECDEF Letter

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

Paul Nev Deputy General Counsel (Legal Counsel) Office of the General Counsel Department of Defense

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

From: Ney, Paul, Mr, DoD OGC ((b)(6),(?)

1600 Defense Pentagon, Room 3B688 Washington, DC 20301-1600

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WASHINGTON

November 6, 2006

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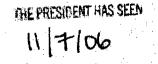
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Respectfully,

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### Miller, Jeanne CTR WHS/ESD

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

Jeanne-

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

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	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: Jacobsmeyer, 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

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From:Miller, Jeanne CTR WHS/ESDSent:Tuesday, February 20, 2007 8:34 AMTo:Jacobsmeyer, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESDCc:Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD; Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESDSubject:RE: EXSEC issue

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

Jeanne

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Jeannie--Karen wants this tasked out, but we think  $\frac{(b)(6)}{2}$  may have the Rumsfeld SECDEF records, so Mary is going to email  $\frac{(b)(6)}{2}$  first to see if he has it. Paul

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Sent:	Tuesday, February 20, 2007 10:26 AM
То:	Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD
Cc:	(b)(6)( <b>1</b> )
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) 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

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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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# Jacobsmeyer, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject:

Jacobsmeyer, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD Wednesday, March 14, 2007 11:44 AM Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD; Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD Hogan, James CIV WHS/ESD FW: ExecSec FOIA Protocol

FYI.

----Original Message-----From: (b)(6),(2) Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2007 11:43 AM To: Jacobsmeyer, 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

-----Original Message-----From: Jacobsmeyer, 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 Yegas, forwarding to you--to forward to OSD EXSEC as you see fit--(b)(5) today I am The search

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

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From: (b)(6) (2)
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2007 10:37 AM
To: Jacobsmeyer, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD
Subject: RE: ExecSec FOIA Protocol
Good intel, Paul. Thanks.
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Assistant Director for Programs
Executive Services Directorate
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-----Original Message-----From: Jacobsmeyer, 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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Subject: RE: ExecSec FOIA Protocol

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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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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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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) (b)(5).(b)(6) Pete.

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-----Original Message-----From: Jacobsmeyer, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2007 6:52 AM To: Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD; (b)(6)(2) WHS/ESD Subject: RE: ExecSec FOIA Protocol

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Finnegan, Karen CIV

-----Original Message-----From: Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2007 4:51 PM To: (b)(6),(3) 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 havn't sent a case over since b(6) left and they are stacking up on the floor beside Paul's desk.

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Assistant Director for Programs Executive Services Directorate Washington Headquarters Services (b)(6)

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Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD From: Monday, May 21, 2007 1:53 PM Sent: (b)(6) **(2)** DoD OGC To: Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD; Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD Cc: RE: FOIA : Sec. Rumsfeld's resignation letter Subject: True enough, that story pretty much covers it. Mary checked and advised that the norecord 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. From: (b)(6) (b)(6) (1) 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),(1) Fax: CAUTION: Information contained in this message may be protected by the attorney/client, attorney work product, deliberative process or other privileges. Do not disseminate further without approval from the Office of the DoD General Counsel. -----Original Message-----From: Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD Sent: Monday, May 21, 2007 1:31 PM To: (b)(6) DoD OGC Cc: Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD; Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD Subject: RE: FOIA : Sec. Rumsfeld's resignation letter (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 From: (b)(6) DoD OGC {mailto Sent: Monday, May 21, 2007 12:11 PM b)(6) 🖉 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 (b)(6) DoD Office of General Counsel (Legal Counsel) Phone: (b)(6) (2) Fax: CAUTION: Information contained in this message may be protected by the attorney/client,

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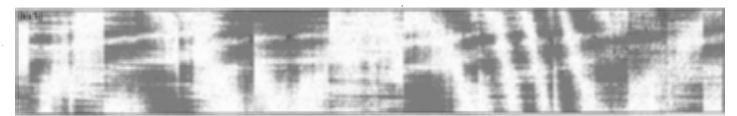
 (b)(6) (2) (b)(6) (2) FOIA : Sec. Rumsfeld's resignation letter >Subject: >Anyone have any knowledge about a pending FOIA request for this? Is there any associated litigation or controversy that you may be aware of? I think the request is by Reuters. >Paul Ney >Deputy General Counsel (Legal Counsel) >Office of the General Counsel >Department of Defense >1600 Defense Pentagon, (b)(6) (b)(2) >Washington, DC 20301-1600 > >Office: (b)(6) (b)(2) >Fax: (b)(6) (b)(2) >Blackberry: (b)(6) (b)() >Cell: (b)(6) (b)(2 > > >CAUTION: Information contained in this message may be protected by the attorney/client, attorney work product, deliberative process or other privileges. Do not disseminate further without approval from the Office of the DoD General Counsel.

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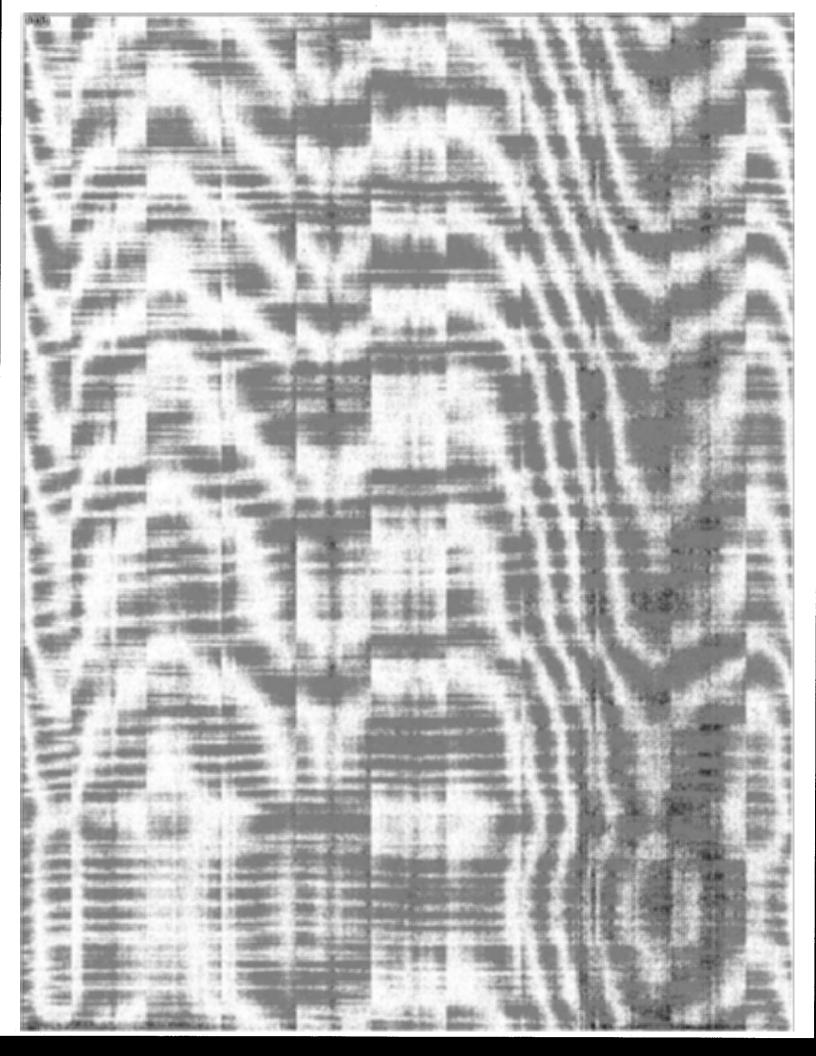
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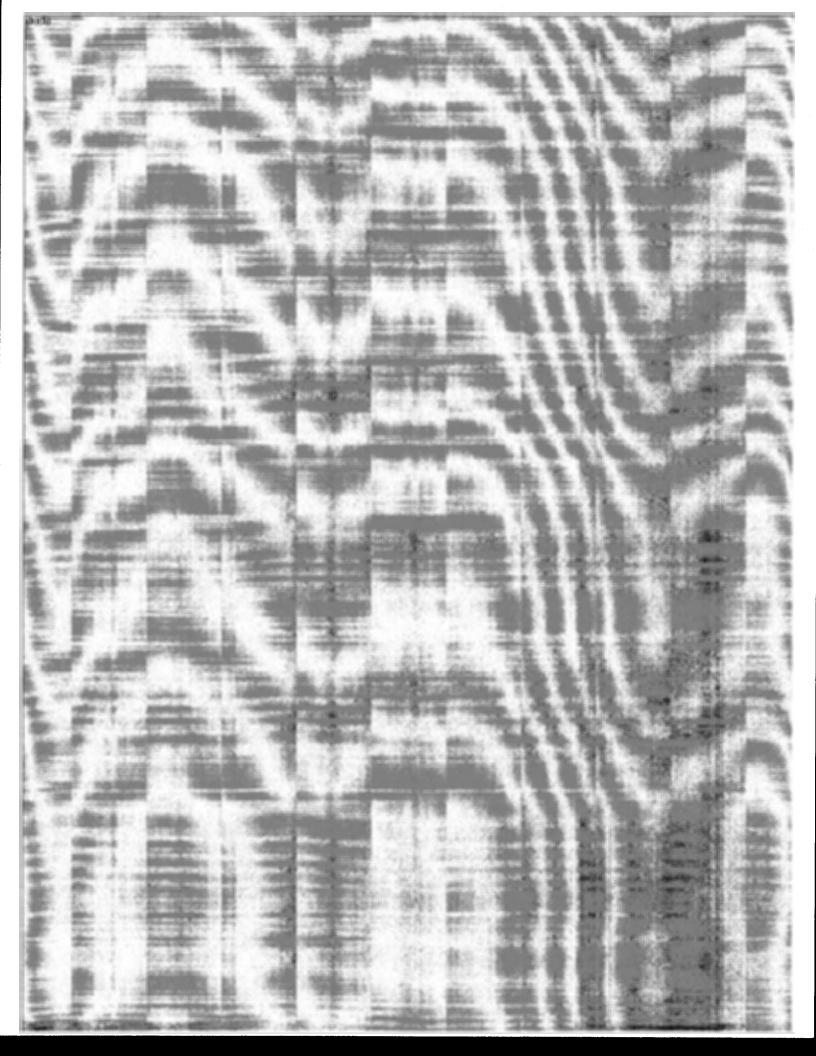
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#### THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WASHINGTON

November 6, 2006

# Dear Mr. President:

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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.

It is time to conclude my service. As I do so, I want you to know that you have my continuing and heartfelt support as you enter the final two years of your Presidency.

Respectfully,

Donald Rumsfeld

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----Original Message-----From: (b)(6) 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 Executive Services Directorate Washington Headquarters Services (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----From: Glassner, Craig SES WHS/ESD Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2007 2:42 PM To: (19)(5) 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

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