



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

MAY 10 2007

Ref: 06-F-1532

Mr. David Barstow
The New York Times
229 W. 43rd Street, 3rd Floor
New York, NY 10036

Dear Mr. Barstow:

Enclosed is the fourth interim release of material in response to your electronic Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated April 28, 2006, for records describing "the Defense Department's interactions since September 11, 2001 with military and security analysts who appear on television and radio programs to discuss the war on terror." By letter dated February 13, 2007, you modified your request to extend the timeframe of records sought in your original request from May 1, 2006, to the present.

The Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Public Affairs (OASD-PA) located 243 additional pages of responsive material. These documents consist of talking points and briefing material from 2001 to 2006 and conference call agendas and participant lists from 2003 to 2007. Ms. Allison Barber, an Initial Denial Authority for OASD-PA, has determined that the redacted information is exempt from release pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(2), which pertains solely to personnel rules and practices of the Department of Defense. Other deleted information is exempt from release pursuant to 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. As you requested, we are providing the information to you in hard copy and on the enclosed compact disc.

The Office of the Secretary of Defense incurred a cost of \$35.40 in processing this portion of your request. Assessable fees consist of 236 pages of office copy reproduction at \$0.15 cents per page. Please indicate the FOIA reference number above on a check or money order made payable to the U.S. Treasury in the amount of \$35.40, and addressed to this office. Please also note the billing date above because payments received later than 30 days after the billing date may incur interest charges. This Office continues to process material responsive to your request, which will be provided to you upon the completion of our review.

If you are not satisfied with this action, or with any of the other interim releases, you may submit an administrative appeal to James Hogan, Chief, Policy, Appeals, and Litigation Unit, Office of Freedom of Information, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20301-1155. Your appeal should be postmarked within 60 days of the date of this letter, should cite to case number 06-F-1532 and should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

Karen M. Linnegan for

Will Kammer
Chief

Enclosures:
As stated