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Ref: 06-F-1532

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

Dear Mr. Barstow:

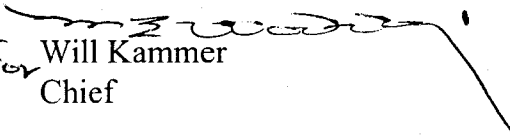
Enclosed is the third interim release of material in response to your electronic Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated April 28, 2006, for records describing "the Defense Department's interactions since September 11, 2001 with military and security analysts who appear on television and radio 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 461 additional pages of responsive material. These documents consist of transcripts from 2005 to 2006, conference call agendas and participant lists from 2002 to 2006, biographies of military analysts, and one e-mail. 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)(high), which pertains to information the release of which would significantly risk circumvention of Department of Defense rules and practices. Other deleted information is exempt from release pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), which pertains to certain inter- or intra-agency communications protected by the deliberative process privilege, and 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 \$69.15 in processing this portion of your request. Assessable fees consist of 461 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 \$69.15, 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 require further assistance, please contact the action officer assigned to this case, Jeanne Miller, at (703) 696-3182 or [jeanne.miller.ctr@whs.mil](mailto:jeanne.miller.ctr@whs.mil). Please be sure to refer to FOIA case number 06-F-1532 in all future correspondence.

Sincerely,

  
for Will Kammer  
Chief

Enclosures:  
As stated