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

Dear Mr. Barstow:

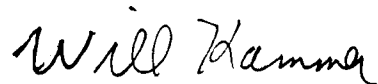
This is the second interim response to your electronic Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated April 28, 2006, for records describing "the Defense Department's interactions since September 11, 2001 with military and security analysts who appear on television and radio programs to discuss the war on terror." You provided a list of the names of analysts who would make up this group and clarified that you were not seeking records related to their previous government positions, either before or after September 11, 2001. You also requested records of meetings or conference calls between analysts and the Defense Department since September 11, 2001, records related to trips organized to take analysts to locations in Iraq, Afghanistan or to Guantanamo since September 11, 2001, and records that describe the Defense Department's strategy and objectives in meeting with these analysts and organizing trips for them to Iraq, Afghanistan and Guantanamo.

The Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Public Affairs located 687 pages of responsive material which are appropriate for release at this time without excision. These documents consist of talking points and other briefing material distributed to analysts during meetings between them and the Department of Defense from 2003 to 2006. 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 \$88.05 in processing this portion of your request. Assessable fees consist of 587 pages of office copy reproduction at \$0.15 cents per page. We are providing you with 100 pages free of charge because you qualify as a representative of the news media. Please indicate the FOIA reference number above on a check or money order made payable to the U.S. Treasury in the amount of \$88.05, 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. Please be sure to refer to FOIA case number 06-F-1532 in all future correspondence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Will Kammer". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Will Kammer
Chief

Enclosures:
As stated