

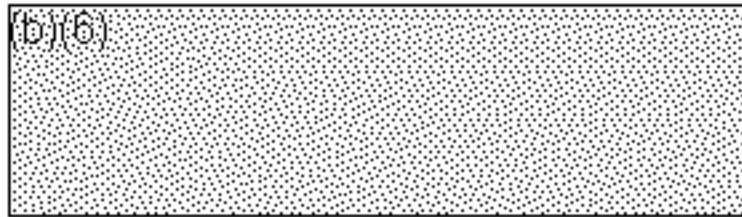


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Mr. David Barstow



Dear Mr. Barstow:

Enclosed is an interim release of material in response to your April 28, 2006, Freedom of Information Act request, as modified by your letter dated February 13, 2007.

The Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Public Affairs, has provided the enclosed documents as responsive to your request. Of the 67 included pages, 64 pages of e-mails have been 'Bates Stamped' from 5200 to 5263 to assist you in reviewing this response. The other three pages will be addressed below.

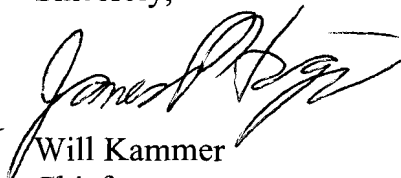
Mr. William P. Marriott, Executive Secretary of the Department of Defense, an Initial Denial Authority (IDA), has determined that some of the redacted information is exempt from release because it pertains to internal matters of a relatively trivial nature that do not shed significant light on an agency personnel rule or practice. In this instance, the redacted information consists of non-public DoD telephone and room numbers. Additionally, portions of the withheld information are specifically exempted by 10 U.S.C. § 130b, which applies to personally identifiable information of personnel in overseas, sensitive or routinely deployable positions. Other deleted information exempt from release pertains to certain inter- or intra-agency communications protected by the deliberative process privilege. Finally, some information is withheld because release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of individuals. The redacted information under this exemption consists primarily of home/e-mail addresses, social security numbers and personally identifying information of DoD personnel. Consequently, this information is denied pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(2)(low), (b)(3), (b)(5) and (b)(6).

The remaining three pages ('Bates Stamped' 2928, 2952 and 3001) were previously withheld on November 29, 2007, under FOIA exemption (b)(5). We are now releasing those documents in their entirety. Also, page 2914, which was previously withheld under the deliberative process privilege of FOIA exemption (b)(5) is now being withheld under the Presidential Communications Privilege.

In our April 1, 2008, response we informed you that three pages were referred to the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) for consultation. Ms. Alesia Y. Williams, an IDA for the DIA, has determined that some of the information is currently and properly classified in accordance with Executive Order 12958, as amended, Section 1.4(c), concerning intelligence activities (including special activities), intelligence sources or methods or cryptology. Also, Mr. Marriott has determined that the remainder of the information within these pages is exempt from release because it pertains to certain inter- or intra-agency communications protected by the deliberative process privilege. Consequently, this information is denied pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1) and (b)(5).

As you requested, we are providing the information to you in hard copy and on the enclosed compact disk.

Sincerely,

For 
Will Kammer
Chief

Enclosures:
As stated