



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

FOI Case No. 8500029

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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

The Appeals Review Panel has considered your appeal for the release of three documents, two withheld in their entirety and one withheld in part, in responding to your Freedom of Information request.

It is the decision of the Department of State that these documents must continue to be withheld. Documents 5 and 6, which were denied in their entirety contain foreign government information and deal with the foreign relations and activities of the United States. The release of this information could be expected to cause damage to the national security despite the passage of time. They meet the classification requirement of Sections 1.3 (a)(3)(5) and 1.3 (b) of Executive Order 12356 and are exempt from release under Section (b)(1) of the Freedom of Information Act. The parts of Document 8 withheld continue to meet the requirements of Section (b)(6) of the Freedom of Information Act. Release of such information would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

I regret that the Panel has been unable to give favorable consideration to your appeal. You have the right to challenge the Panel's findings in Federal District Court.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert M. Smalley".

Robert M. Smalley
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Bureau of Public Affairs