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Dear Mr. Aftergood:

This is the final response to your December 27, 2012 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, a copy of which is attached for your convenience. Your request was received in this office on December 27, 2012 and assigned FOIA case number 13-F-0219. We ask that you use this number when referring to your request.

The Office of the General Counsel (OGC), a component of the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), conducted a search of their records systems and located 28 pages, determined to be responsive to your request. David P. Bennett, Attorney-Manager, an Initial Denial Authority (IDA) for OGC determined that 22 pages of records are withheld in their entirety pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(1), which pertains to information that is currently and properly classified in the interest of national security pursuant to Executive Order 13526, as amended, applying Section 1.4 (c) concerning the protection of Intelligence activities (including covert action), intelligence sources or methods, or cryptology; and (d) concerning the protection of Foreign relations or foreign activities of the United States, including confidential sources; and 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(5), which pertains to certain inter- or intra-agency communications protected by the deliberative process privilege. Additionally, Mark S. Patrick, Chief of Information Management Division, an IDA for Joint Staff determined that information which has been redacted from the enclosed document, totaling six pages, are exempt from release pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(5). For clarity, the applied exemptions appear next to the redacted information within the enclosed.

In this instance, fees for processing your request were below the threshold for requiring payment. Please note that fees may be assessed on future requests.

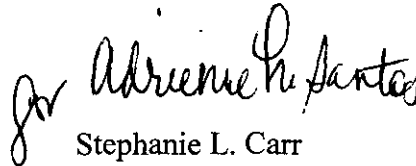
If you are not satisfied with this response, you may contact our OSD FOIA Public Liaison, Jim Hogan, at (571) 372-0462 or by email at [OSD.FOIALiaison@mail.mil](mailto:OSD.FOIALiaison@mail.mil). Also, please note that the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) offers services to requesters who have disputes with Federal agencies. You may contact OGIS if you have concerns about the processing of your request. Their contact information is provided below:

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You have the right to appeal to the appellate authority, Ms. Joo Chung, Director of Oversight and Compliance, Office of the Secretary of Defense, by writing directly to OCMO Office of the Chief Management Officer, 4800 Mark Center Drive, ATTN: DPCLTD, FOIA Appeals, Mailbox# 24, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700. Your appeal must be postmarked within 90 calendar days of the date of this response. Alternatively, you may use the OSD FOIA request portal at <http://pal.whs.mil/palMain.aspx> or email your appeal to [osd.foia-appeal@mail.mil](mailto:osd.foia-appeal@mail.mil). If you use email, please include the words "FOIA Appeal" in the subject of the email. Please also reference case number 13-F-0219 in any appeal correspondence.

If you have any questions about the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact, the Action Officer assigned to your request, Bethlehem Addis at [bethlehem.addis.civ@mail.mil](mailto:bethlehem.addis.civ@mail.mil) or (571) 372-0424.

Sincerely,



The image shows a handwritten signature in black ink. The signature is written in a cursive style and appears to read "Stephanie L. Carr". To the left of the main signature, there is a smaller, more stylized signature that looks like "SLC".

Stephanie L. Carr  
Chief

Enclosure:  
As stated

HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT OF  
GENERAL MARTIN E. DEMPSEY, USA  
CHAIRMAN  
JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF  
BEFORE THE HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE  
DISCLOSURES OF NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION AND IMPACT ON  
MILITARY OPERATIONS  
19 JULY 2012

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### OPENING REMARKS

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