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R: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Ms. Peterson:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. Section 552, et seq. (as amended), I hereby request disclosure of the documents described on the last page of this letter for inspection and possible copying.

If you regard any of these documents as exempt from the FOIA's disclosure requirements, I request that you nonetheless exercise your discretion to disclose them. In this connection I note that you are required under the FOIA to release any reasonably segregable nonexempt portions of documents containing information you regard as exempt. Section 552(b). To permit an intelligent, informed decision whether or not to file an administrative appeal of any denial decision, you are also requested to describe withheld records (or portions thereof) and explain the logical and factual basis for exemption claims. See Mead Data Central, Inc. v. Department of the Air Force, 566 F.2d 242, 251 (D.C. Cir., 1977).

This request is made on behalf of the National Security Archive, a nonprofit public interest research institute and library located in Washington, D.C. The Archive is organized and operated as a division of the Fund For Peace, Inc., a tax-exempt nonprofit corporation. The Archive's purpose is to enrich public policy debate by making available records pertaining to important issues of major public concern in the areas of foreign, defense, intelligence, and international economic policy.

Documents obtained by the Archive, including the records requested in this letter, are carefully analyzed, indexed and organized into document sets in the Archive's collection and published. Document sets are available for inspection and copying by scholars, journalists, members of Congress and Congressional staffs, present and former public officials, other public interest organizations, and the general public at the Archive's Washington office. Information in the documents is disseminated across the country through distribution of comprehensive document indices to university and other research libraries and through the Archive's publications.

As a staff member of the Archive, I have been assigned to conduct research on the subject of this request. I am working as part of a research team which includes experts on this subject with a wide variety of educational and professional backgrounds relating to foreign affairs, defense, intelligence and international economic policy. Members of the team have conducted an extensive literature
search at the Library of Congress and specialized research libraries and have determined that the requested materials are necessary to our research.

In order to expedite the release of the listed documents, I request that you disclose them on an interim basis as they become available to you, without waiting until all the documents have been assembled. If you have any questions that I might be able to answer regarding the identity of the records, their location, or the scope of the request, please call me at the number listed above. I look forward to receiving your response within the ten-day statutory time period.

Sincerely,

William Burr

Attachment
Subject of Request:
Copies of the following documents from RG 259, White House Office of Science & Technology:

I. Box 43:
A. File: Panel-Dis-N/T-Definition of Nuclear Explosion:
   From Spiers, 8/23/1960
B. File: Disarmament: N/T-High Altitude-Reports:

II. Box 44: 45
A. File: Disarmament-Policy-Interdepartmental WG Docs:
   Partial Folder 1959
   Partial Folder March 2959

III. Box 45:
A. File: Disarmament-N/T-Seismic, Public, Misc.:
   Farley to Fox, Loper, 6/10/59
   Loper to Killian, 1/22/59
   Killian to Quarles, 1/15/59
   Review all NND w/o docs.

   B. Hess to English, 6/8/61
   C. Report, Prior Developments re: issue of Safegua
   D. Partial folder, 1961
   E. Letter, Walker to English, 4/13/61
   F. Telegram, State to Geneva, 5/7/61
   G. Partial folder, 1961
   H. Instructions, 3/13/61
   I. Report, State, Recommended Positions, 2/23/61
   J. Report, Major Issues in Nuclear Test Negotiati
   K. Keeny to Whitman, 1/25/61

IV. Box 75:
A. File: Disarmament Negotiations:
   McCloy to Wiesner
   Background paper from Puckett, "UK Paper on Future Strategy", 6/1/61
   UK Comment on US draft, 6/20/61
   Wiesner to McCloy, 6/23/61
   Draft working paper, 7/11/61
   Ltr., Seaborg to McCloy, 5/31/61
   Seaborg to McCloy, 6/15/61
   Panovsky to McCloy, 6/15/61
   MemCon, 7/11/61, from Dunlop re Five Power Working Group meeting
   MemCon, Boggs re Meeting of Committee of Principals, 7/5/61
   Comments by Canadian Government
   Draft Paper, Disarmament Proposal
   Memo, Dean to McCloy, 8/11/61
V. Box 79:

A. Folder: Disarmament N/T - RAND
   1. Letter to Gullion, 3/31/61
   2. Memo, Wiesner to Bundy, 4/13/61
   3. Letter, OASD to Special Assistant, 7/22/61

B. Folder: Disarmament N/T Treaty 1961:
   1. Memo, Raskin to Bundy, 12/19/61
   2. Letter, Reine to Bolt, 3/27/61
   3. Memo, Bolt to Northrup, 3/14/61
   5. Memo, Bolt to Gullion et al., 3/27/61
   6. Memo, Bolt to Gullion et al., 3/20/61

C. Disarmament Policy 1961:
   1. Memo, Recommendations on Test Ban, 5/25/61
   2. Memcon re NT negotiations, 5/23/61
   4. Whitman to Jerry, c. 1961
   5. Memo, RWK to Bundy, 5/22/61
   6. Memo, Kenney to Wiesner, 5/19/61
   8. Memo, Wiesner to Keeny, 5/61
   10. Staff Comments, 2/23/61
   11. Letter, Panovsky to McCloy, 2/18/61
   12. Ltr, Spiers to English, 2/18/61
   13. Letter, Wiesner to McCloy, 2/2/61
   14. McCloy to Wiesner, 2/2/61
   15. Spiers Memo, 1/24/61
   16. Letter, English to Spiers, 1/24/61
   17. Report: Military Power, Arms Limitations and Foreign Policy, 1/22/61
   18. Memo, Akalovsky (?) to Keeny, 1/9/61

D. File: Disarmament-N/T-Policy-Vol. II 1961
   1. Memo, Bundy to Spec1 Assistant, 8/29/61
   2. Memcon, Meeting of Principals, 8/29/61
   3. Ltr, Gilpatrick to McCloy, 8/10/61
   4. Partial folder, 1961
   5. Memo, Raskin to Bundy, 6/16/61
   6. Galbraith to President, 6/12/61

VI. Box 215: 1st Priority

A. Folder: Disarmament-NTB-Stennis Hearings
Memo from Betts, 9/61
Ltr., Chairman, AEC to Stennis, 9/9/63

Folder: Disarmament—Nuclear Test Ban 1963, Vol. II:
Draft memo, SecDef to President, 2/12/63
NSAM 269, 10/31/63
Memo, Keeny to Bundy, 10/31/63
Note, B. Read to Bundy, 9/18/63
Memo, Fisher to McNaughton, 5/29/63
Memo, C.E. Johnson to Wiesner, 8/18/63
Memo, Bunn to Bundy, 8/12/63
Appendix B
Partial folder (ff 11-17) (PP 525-565)
Memo, Keeny to Zumwalt, 6/14/63
Memo, Wiesner to Harriman, 6/19/63

Folder: Disarmament—Nuclear Test Ban—1963
Fisher to Committee of Principals, 2/28/63
A. Barber to Nitze, 4/19/63
Memo, Eisenm to Foster, 4/17/63
Memo, Foster to Committee of Principals, 4/15/63
Memo, Seaborg to Wiesner, 4/3/63
Memo, Seaborg to Wiesner, 3/30/63
Memo, Seaborg to Wiesner, 3/20/63
Memo, Maintenance of Readiness Under a Test Ban, n.d.
Keeny to Fisher, 2/21/63

Fisher to Committee of Principals, 2/17/63
Paper, Relationship of Test Ban to Nonproliferation Problem, 2/13/63
Draft Memo for President, 2/16/63
ACDA Memcons, 1/29, 1/31 and 2/1/63
4 ACDA memcons
ACDA Memcon, 1/21/63
ACDA Memcon, 1/18/63

VII. Box 218:
A. File: Disarmament—USACDA—1963:
F.A. Long to Wiesner, 5/29/63
W.C. Foster to President, 7/12/63
W. C. Foster to Members of Committee of Principals, 7/12/63