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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

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Ref: 83-FOI-1036/1100

*Richardson*

Mr. R. Scott Armstrong  
The Washington Post  
1150 15th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20071

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

This communicates the findings of the responsible Initial Denial Authorities in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests of July 29 and August 12, 1983 for records relating to "a DoD activity known as the Defense Special Plans Office and DoD Directives TS-5155.2 and C-5155.1."

Mr. David O. Cooke, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Administration), advises that the Department of Defense (DoD) record copies of DoD Directives TS-5155.2 and C-5155.1 are currently and properly classified in their entirety, and contain non-segregable information concerning national defense and foreign policy, the release of which could be expected to cause damage to national security. Accordingly, he has denied the documents to you under the provisions of 5 USC 552(b)(1). He has agreed, however, to release to you a copy of the Department of Defense Directives System Transmittal (SD Form 106-1) concerning cancellation of the directives. A copy is enclosed.

Mr. L. Britt Snider, Principal Director, Counter-intelligence and Security Policy, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Policy) (ODUSD(P)), has advised that "DoD Directives TS-5155.2 and C-5155.1 have been cancelled and no copies have been retained by ODUSD(P). With respect to documents leading to the creation of the Special Plans Office, including budget and accounting data, all relevant documents originated by ODUSD(P) are currently and properly classified under Executive Order 12356, the disclosure of which would reveal intelligence sources and methods. Attempts to segregate the unclassified portions of such documents would not result in a product which had any meaning to the requester." Mr. Snider has agreed to release to you a copy of a Memorandum for the Director, Washington Headquarters Services, dated 2 February 1983, Subject:

Cancellation of DoD Directives TS-5155.2 and C-5155.1, ODUSD(P) correspondence control number I-05238/83, and signed by Richard G. Stilwell, General, USA (Ret.), Deputy. A copy is enclosed.


In response to the request in your July 29, 1983 FOIA letter for records described as "correspondence to or from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs) relating to the publishing of directives, classification guides, press inquiries or FOIA's relating to the Defense Special Plans Office," Mr. John C. Becher, Director for Management, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs) (OASD(PA)), has advised that no records relevant to your FOIA request were found in OASD(PA).

In response to item four of your August 12 request, the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), the element within the Office of the Secretary of Defense that could reasonably be expected to have the records described, advises that no records relevant to your FOIA request were found.

In response to the request in your July 29, 1983 FOIA letter for records described as "correspondence to or from the Congressional Liaison Office relating to the Defense Special Plans Office," the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs) advises that no records relevant to your FOIA request were found.

You have the right to appeal the Initial Denial Authority decisions to deny the documents you requested. Any such appeal should offer justification to support reversal of the initial denial authority and should be forwarded, within 45 days of your receipt of this letter, to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs), Directorate for Freedom of Information and Security Review, Room 2C757, Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20301.

Sincerely,

  
for Charles W. Hinkle  
Director, Freedom of Information  
and Security Review

Enclosures a/s

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### CANCELLATION NOTICE

DoD Directives C-5155.1 and TS-5155.2, "The Defense Special Plans Office (U)," April 21, 1982, are hereby canceled. Remove and destroy immediately all copies you have on file, using the procedures prescribed in Chapter IX, DoD 5200.1-R.

*O. J. Williford*  
O. J. WILLIFORD, Director  
Correspondence and Directives

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In reply refer to  
I-05238/83  
2 FEB 1983


MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS SERVICES

SUBJECT: Cancellation of DoD Directives TS-5155.2 and C-5155.1

Please cancel DoD Directives TS-5155.2 and C-5155.1, "The Defense Special Plans Office (U)," 21 April 1982.

The directives were charter documents establishing a DoD activity whose establishment subsequently was not authorized by Congress.

These directives may not be downgraded; it is recommended that holders destroy them immediately.

  
Richard G. Stilwell  
General, USA (Ret.)  
Deputy