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Mr. William Burr
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Dear Mr. Burr:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated November 25, 1992, Archive # 921157DOD132, copy enclosed. The eight enclosed documents, totaling 89 pages, are provided as responsive to your request, which asked for 17 documents from the Maxwell Taylor Papers held at the National Defense University. Additionally, the Department of State (DOS) advised us that it had released two documents to you responsive to your requested Item 1, Box 37, Folder 109 – Norstad; and Item 2, Box 37, folder 110 – US and Tripartite Poodle Blanket, as reported in DOS' August 8, 2002, letter to this Office. Additionally, your requested Item 1, Box 34, totaling one page, located in Box 35, 6B, is on your organization's website: <http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB56/>. We acknowledge that processing this request has been protracted, and regret that this response was not provided in a timelier manner.

Mr. Brian R. Green, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Strategic Capabilities, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy has determined that six documents, totaling 115 pages, are exempt from release, and are denied in their entirety. These documents do not contain meaningful portions that are reasonably segregable. These denied documents are listed in your request as Item 2, Box 35, folder 6B; Item 1, Box 37, folder 108 – Poodle Blanket; Item 2, Box 37, folder 108 – Poodle Blanket; Item 3, Box 37, folder 108 – Poodle Blanket; Item 2, Box 37, Folder 109 – Norstad; Item 3, Box 37, Folder 109 – Norstad. These six documents, are denied because they are currently and properly classified in accordance with Executive Order 12958, as amended, specifically, Section 1.4 (a) concerning military plans, weapons, or operations, and Section 1.4 (b) concerning foreign government information. The information denied is also exempt from automatic declassification in accordance with Section 3.3 (b)(5), because it pertains to information which if released, would reveal actual U.S. military war plans that remain in effect, and Section 3.3 (b)(6), concerns information, including foreign government information, the release of which would seriously and demonstrably impair relations between the United States and a foreign government, or seriously and demonstrably undermine ongoing diplomatic activities of the United States. Accordingly, this information is denied pursuant to 5 USC § 552 (b)(1).

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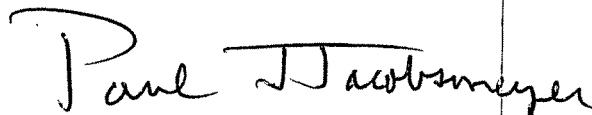
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the release of which would seriously and demonstrably impair relations between the United States and a foreign government, or seriously and demonstrably undermine ongoing diplomatic activities of the United States. Accordingly, this information is denied pursuant to 5 USC § 552 (b)(1).

Ms. Mary Ronan, Director, Access Management, National Security Council; Mr. Danny S. Wilmoth, Management and Program Analyst, Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense Programs; Mr. Edmund McBride, Chief, Documents Division, Joint Staff; Mr. Brian R. Green, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Strategic Capabilities, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy; and Mr. John A. Berry, Director, EURNATO, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy have determined that the information withheld in the enclosed documents is exempt from release because it is currently and properly classified in accordance with Executive Order 12958, as amended, specifically, Section 1.4 (a) concerning military plans, weapons, or operations, and Section 1.4 (d) concerning foreign relations or foreign activities of the United States, including confidential sources. The information denied is also exempt from automatic declassification in accordance with Section 3.3 (b)(5), which may reveal military war plans that remain in effect, and Section 3.3 (b)(6), concerning information, including foreign government information, the release of which would seriously and demonstrably impair relations between the United States and a foreign government, or seriously and demonstrably undermine ongoing diplomatic activities of the United States. Portions of these documents are also denied pursuant to 5 USC § 552(b)(3), which applies to information specifically exempted by a statute establishing particular criteria for withholding. In this instance, the statute is 42 USC § 2168 (a) (1) (C), which provides for withholding of Formerly Restricted Data under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended. Accordingly, this information is denied pursuant to 5 USC § 552 (b)(1) and (b)(3). Please note that exemption (b)(1) is applicable to all redacted portions of the enclosed documents unless otherwise noted.

As this completes the processing of your request in this Office, we are closing your case. If you are not satisfied with this action, you may appeal to our appellate authority, the Director of Administration and Management, Office of the Secretary of Defense by writing directly to the Defense Freedom of Information Policy Office, Attn: Mr. James Hogan, at the above address. Your appeal should be postmarked within 60 calendar days of the date of this letter, should cite to case number 92-F-2503, and should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." There are no fees associated with this response.

Sincerely,



Paul J. Jacobsmeyer
Chief

Enclosures:
As stated