United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

February 15, 2018

Case No.: F-2016-17168
Segments: INR-0006
INR-0006IC1
INR-0006IC2

Ms. Scarlet Kim
Privacy International
62 Britton Street
London, Great Britain

Dear Ms. Kim:

I refer to our letter, dated January 2, 2018, regarding the release of certain Department of State material under the Freedom of Information Act (the "FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Department's processing of records potentially responsive to your request is ongoing and has yielded four responsive documents. We have determined that three documents may be released in full. Additionally, one document has been referred to the Department of Defense for direct reply to you. All released material is enclosed.

We will keep you informed as your case progresses. If you have any questions, you may contact Trial Attorney Marcia Sowles at marcia.sowles@usdoj.gov or (202) 514-4960. Please refer to the case number, F-2016-17168, and the civil action number, 17-cv-01324, in all correspondence about this case.

Sincerely,

Eric F. Stein, Director
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

RELEASE IN FULL

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Instructions for Sharing Classified Defense and Intelligence Information with the United Kingdom and Australia (C)

I have reviewed and approve the attached instructions for sharing classified defense information and intelligence information with the United Kingdom and Australia. I direct that you begin implementing this guidance immediately and that you complete implementation by June 1, 2005. Although these instructions shall remain internal to the United States Government, you are authorized upon issuance of these instructions to initiate appropriate discussions with your United Kingdom and Australian counterparts regarding necessary implementation actions. (S)

No modifications or amendments should be made to the joint instructions without prior coordination with me through the National Security Advisor. (U)

Please provide me through the National Security Advisor with a report of your implementation actions by September 30, 2004. In addition, please provide the National Security Advisor a report concerning the positive impact of these instructions on sharing with the United Kingdom and Australia by October 1, 2004. (S)

Second Part of 5

Attachment
Draft Instructions

cc: The Secretary of State

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Reason: 1.5(e)
Declassify on: 7/15/14

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 19, 2004

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The Right Honorable
Tony Blair, M.P.
Prime Minister
London

Dear Prime Minister:

We both agree that the close relationship between our governments requires the utmost cooperation in all areas. To further this cooperation, I have approved changes that will enhance the sharing of information between our defense and intelligence communities.

I have directed Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld and Acting Director of Central Intelligence McLaughlin to implement these changes immediately, and to coordinate with their respective British counterparts to ensure that the changes are making a difference in the field. My primary objective is to ensure the broadest possible sharing of relevant defense and intelligence information in the areas of planning and executing military and counterterrorism operations. Toward that end, Secretary Rumsfeld and Acting Director McLaughlin will be providing a status report to me by September 30, 2004, about their progress toward achieving this goal.

I am confident this effort will be of mutual benefit to the United States and the United Kingdom as we confront the very serious national security challenges facing our countries today and in the future.

As always, I appreciate your insights and the many contributions that the United Kingdom is making in our joint endeavors.

Sincerely,

George W. Bush

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Canberra

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