



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
OFFICE OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
1155 DEFENSE PENTAGON  
WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1155

JUL 24 2007  
Ref: 07-F-1800

Mr. Michael Ravnitzky

(b)(6)

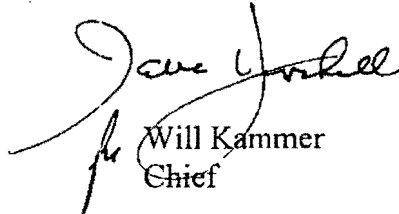
Dear Mr. Ravnitzky:

This in response to your May 15, 2007, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for, "A copy of each Freedom of Information Act Request to the Department of Defense for a copy of Donald Rumsfeld's resignation letter." Also, you requested "A copy of the administrative tracking folder, including emails and memos and notes and letters for each Request." We received your request on May 23, 2007.

The enclosed material, consisting of 25 pages, is provided in response to your request. As a result of the national emergency declared by the President September 14, 2001, the Department of Defense (DoD) determined that the release of the names and identifying information, including work address and duty stations, pertaining to DoD personnel would result in a clearly unwarranted invasion of their personal privacy. Accordingly, the deleted information is exempt from release pursuant to Exemption 6 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), which pertains to information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of third parties.

If you are not satisfied with this action, you may submit an administrative appeal to James Hogan, Policy, Appeals and Litigation Branch at the above address. Your appeal letter should be postmarked within 60 calendar days of the date of this letter, should cite case number 07-F-1800 and should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

  
Will Kammer  
Chief

Enclosure:  
As stated

Memorandum for the Record: 07-F-1800 By the direction of Ms. Mary Wahling the action officers name "Jeanne Miller" and her phone number was not redacted out of the responsive material. In addition Ms. Wahling recommended withholding (b)(6)

(b)(6) 7-25-

2007 Angela Campagna

# FOI/PA CASE ASSIGNMENT WORKSHEET

Case No: 07-F-1300

ACTION ASSIGNED TO Comptroller TEAM: (A) B C PMB REVIEWER DH CARD  
 TYPE REQUEST: Appeal Commercial Educational News/Media NonCom/Scientific Other  
 EXPEDITED RESPONSE REQUESTED GRANT? Y N DCIT CHECK       
 UP-FRONT DOCUMENT SEARCH X DATE RECEIVED:       
 REMARKS:     

**CLOSED WITHDRAWN**

**E-FOIA REPLY**

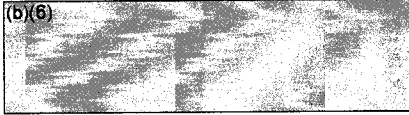
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(AT&L) Acquisition, Technology, & Logistics
(A&T) Acquisition & Technology
(DAU) Defense Acquisition University
(DPAP) Defense Procurement & Acquisition Policy
(DARC) Defense Acquisition Regulation Council
(PSA) Portfolio Systems Acquisition
(TC) Treaty Compliance
(SBP) Small Business Programs
(BT) Business Transformation
(BTA) Business Transformation Agency
(DDR&E) Defense Research and Engineering
(AS&C) Advanced Systems & Concepts
(DARPA) Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency
(DMEA) Defense Micro Electronics Activity
(DSB) Defense Science Board
(I&E) Installations & Environment
(ECOADJ) Economic Adjustment
(L&MR) Logistics & Material Readiness
(IC) International Cooperation
(MDA) Missile Defense Agency
(NCB) Nuclear, Chemical, & Biological Defense Programs
(SPPGMS) Special Programs
(ATSDIO) Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Intelligence Oversight)
(COMP) Comptroller
(PA&E) Program Analysis & Evaluation
(DPO) Defense Privacy Office
(EXSEC) The Exec. Secretariat

(I) Intelligence
(CIFA) Counterintelligence Field Activity
(JS) Joint Staff
(LA) Legislative Affairs
(NDU) National Defense Univ.
(NI) Networks and Information Integration
(NSPS) National Security Personnel System
(NSSG) National Security Study Group
(ODNA) Office of the Director, Net Assessment
(OGC) Office of General Counsel
(DOHA) Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals
(OSA/WHL) Office of the Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for White House Liaison
(PA) Public Affairs
(DVIC) Defense Visual Information Center
(P&R) Personnel & Readiness
(CPMS) Civilian Personnel Management Service
(DEOMI) Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute
(DMDC) Defense Manpower Data Center
(SIAD) Statistical Information Analysis Division
(FVAP) Federal Voting Assistance Program
(HA) Health Affairs
(DHSD) Deployment Health Support
(RA) Reserve Affairs
(USUHS) Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences
(PPFA) Pentagon Force Protection Agency
(USDP) USD (Policy)
(AP) Asian & Pacific Security Affairs
(CEN) Central Asia

(EAS) East Asia
(SEA) South and Southeast Asia
(IS) International Security Affairs
(AFR) Africa
(EUR) Europe & NATO
(MID) Middle East
(GS) Global Security Affairs
(CMO) Coalition Affairs
(GTS) Counternarcotics, Counterproliferation, and Global Threats
(DPO) Detainee Affairs
(MPA) Defense POW Missing Personnel Affairs Office
(DSCA) Defense Security Cooperation Agency
(DTSA) Defense Technology Security Administration
(PRT) Partnership Strategies
(HD) Homeland Defense and America's Security Affairs
(CMC) Crisis Management & Defense Support for Civil Authorities
(HLD) Homeland Def.
(HSI) Homeland Security Integration
(WHA) Western Hemisphere Affairs
(PDUUSD) Policy Director
(PPO) Policy Planning
(SPD) Support for Public Diplomacy
(SO/LIC) Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict
(FT&R) Forces Transformation & Resources
(SOC) Special Operations
(STB) Stability Operations
(STR) Strategic Capabilities

(WHMO) W. H. Military Office
(WHS) Washington Headquarters Service
(A&P) Acquisition & Procurement
(ESD) Executive Services Directorate
(GC) General Counsel
(HRD) Human Resources
(PENREN) Pentagon Renovation
No Nexus Response
Not a Proper Request Reply
Not Reasonably Described
No Records Response
Not an Agency Record
Verification Response

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	DOJ
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DCMA	FAA
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DFAS	FEMA
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DLA	NPRC
DoDIG	OPM
DoDEA	SEC. SVC.
DSS	STATE
DTIC	VA



May 15, 2007

Karen M. Finnegan  
Office of Freedom of Information  
1155 Defense Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20301-1155  
telephone number: (703) 696-4689  
fax number: (703) 696-4506

Dear Ms. Finnegan:

Pursuant to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following documents:

- 1) A copy of each Freedom of Information Act Request to the Department of Defense for a copy of Donald Rumsfeld's resignation letter. You may limit this request to requests received by or routed to the Office of Freedom of Information at the Pentagon. You may limit this request to request letters dated between November 1, 2006 and the present.
- 2) A copy of the administrative tracking folder, including emails and memos and notes and letters for each Request identified in item number one.

This is a request for noncommercial research and study purposes, and best belongs in the fee category "all other requesters" I agree to pay up to \$40 for costs associated with this request if necessary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Ravnitzky". The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

Michael Ravnitzky



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## Rumsfeld's resignation letter remains elusive

Tue May 15, 2007 3:19PM EDT

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The Bush administration is keeping a tight hold on Donald Rumsfeld's resignation letter nearly five months after the former defense secretary and Iraq war manager stepped down.

The Pentagon says it does not have a copy, and the White House office likely to hold the letter is not subject to the law that allows the public to seek release of government documents, the Freedom of Information Act or FOIA.

A defense official, who declined to be identified publicly, on Tuesday chalked up the close hold on Rumsfeld's letter to the existence of few copies.

"I suspect there's only one copy of that and it went to the president," the official said.

Reuters filed FOIA requests for the letter with the Pentagon and White House.

In response to a November request, the Defense Department's FOIA office said last month a "thorough search of the records systems ... revealed no records responsive to your request."

President George W. Bush's office of administration, in response to another FOIA request, said this month it too had no copy of Rumsfeld's resignation letter.

But Carol Ehrlich, FOIA officer there, said the office of administration within the executive office of the president was a separate entity from the White House office, which controls its own records and is not subject to FOIA.

Pentagon spokesmen refused to release the letter in November 2006, when Rumsfeld resigned after Republicans' stinging election defeat. They told reporters to file FOIA requests for the letter.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
OFFICE OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
1155 DEFENSE PENTAGON  
WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1155

APR 06 2007

Ref: 07-F-0309

Lolita C. Baldor  
Associated Press  
2021 K St., NW  
Washington, DC 20009

Dear Ms. Baldor:

This is the final response to your electronic Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated November 13, 2006, for "a copy of the letter Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld sent to President Bush regarding his resignation from office." I apologize for the delay of this response, which was caused by the need to consult with other Department of Defense (DoD) components. A thorough search of the records systems maintained by the Executive Secretariat and the Washington Headquarters Services, Executive Services Directorate, the office which maintains the records of the Secretary of Defense, revealed no records responsive to your request.

Should you deem this no record response to be a denial of your request, you may submit an administrative appeal to James Hogan, Chief, Policy, Appeals and Litigation Branch at the above address. Your appeal should be postmarked within 60 calendar days of the date of this response, should cite to case number 07-F-0309, and should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." There are no fees associated with this response.

Sincerely,

*Will Kammer*

Will Kammer  
Chief

TEAM B CASE#: 07-F-0309

ACTION OFFICER: Jeanne Miller

**FINAL ACTION**

GRANT	DENIAL	<b>NO RECORD</b>
PARTIAL	TRANSFER	REFERRAL
WITHDRAWL	ADMIN CLOSE-OUT	

*faxed to 7A  
on 4/2/07  
ready to close*

**CASE HISTORY**

- ACTION TASKED TO (INCLUDE REFERRALS) -

ESD, EXSEC

- RESPONSES RECEIVED -

ESD and EXSEC both responded with "no record"

- COMMENTS (MODIFICATIONS, MFR, ETC) -

07-F-0309 and 07-F-0306 are requests for the same document. Both cases are being closed and final responses will need to be cleared with PA before releasing to the requesters.

**TEAM CHIEF COMMENTS:**

**06 APR 2007**

*PA has seen*

*[Handwritten signature]*

07-F-0309

(b)(6)

From: Lolita C. Baldor [nobody@dtic.mil]  
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2006 4:19 PM  
To: DFOISR, DOD/DFOISR/WHS  
Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request

Submitted: [13/Nov/2006:16:18:52]

Name: Lolita C. Baldor  
Organization: Associated Press  
E-mail: (b)(6)  
Phone number: (b)(6)

Address 1: 2021 K. St. NW  
Address 2: 6th Floor  
City: Washington  
State: DC  
ZIP Code: 20006  
Country: USA

Requester Control Number:

Request Message:

Nov. 13, 2006

Office of Freedom of Information and Security Review  
1155 Defense Pentagon  
Washington DC 20301-1155

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is a request under the federal Freedom of Information Act, as amended, 5 USC 552.

I am seeking a copy of the letter Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld sent to President Bush regarding his resignation from office last week.

I am requesting this information for the purpose of possible public dissemination in a news article and therefore request that you waive charges pursuant to 5 USC 552 (a) (4) (A), Fed. Reg. 7296, Section 1900.25. I am a full time journalist employed by The Associated Press.

If you deny this request for a waiver, please advise me in advance of the estimated charges so that I may decide whether to pay the fees or appeal your denial of my request for a waiver of charges.

As I am making this request in the capacity of a journalist and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate your communicating with me by telephone, rather than by mail, if you have any questions regarding this request. My number is 202-776-9863; and I am in Room 2D535 of the Pentagon.

Thank you for your assistance, and I will look forward to receiving your reply as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Lolita C. Baldor  
Associated Press, Pentagon Reporter

Willing To Pay: \$ see above letter

Submitted via <http://www.dod.mil/pubs/foi/foiarequest.html>

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OFFICE OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND SECURITY REVIEW  
1155 DEFENSE PENTAGON  
WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1155

**Fax**

To: (b)(6) (2) OASD(PA) From: Jeanne Miller, (703) 696-3182  
Fax: Pages: 5 (including cover)  
Phone: Date: 4/3/2007

Re: FOIA REQUESTS 07-F-0306 & 07-F-0309CC

Urgent  For Review  Please Comment  Please Reply  Please Recycle

• Comments:

**COORDINATION OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST FOR NEWS MEDIA CATEGORY REQUESTER.**

In response to FOIA requests from Ms. Kristen Roberts of Reuters and Ms. Lolita C. Baldor of the Associated Press, this office intends to release the attached final response letters. Please be advised that both requests were for a copy of the letter Defense Secretary Rumsfeld sent to President Bush regarding his resignation from office. No responsive document was located. Please contact the action officer, Jeanne Miller, at 703-696-3182 or (b)(6) if you have any questions or concerns regarding this action.

Thank you,

Jeanne Miller  
FOIA Analyst

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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)  
Office Transmittal

Case 07-F-0309

Requester MS Lolita E. Balder

Request for a copy of the letter Defense Secretary  
Donald H. Rumsfeld sent to President Bush  
regarding his resignation.

No Record exists in ESD.

No Record exists in Exec Sec or Sec Def Office

OK

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**  
**OFFICE OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION**

Control Number and Date:  
07-F-0309  
13 March 2007

Action Assigned to: **EXSEC**      ATTN: (b)(6)

Attached is a FOIA request from the Associated Press for a copy of the letter Secretary Donald Rumsfeld sent to President Bush regarding his resignation. This office has also received the same request from Reuters.

Please conduct a search for the responsive document and review it for your release determination. Please bracket information that you determine requires withholding and indicate the appropriate FOIA exemption in the adjacent margin.

Please be advised that ESD has already been tasked to conduct a search for this document and provided a "no record" response. A copy of SD Form 472 is enclosed.

# **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACTION**

Under Provisions of the **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (5 USC § 552)** and DoD Regulation 5400.7-R, **respond no later than:**      30 March 2007

## **READ AND FOLLOW THESE SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Handle this material as a package. Do not section or allow the package to become separated from this cover.
2. Read the attached FOIA Explanation of Exemptions sheet and, if applicable, the Classified Information Withholding Criteria sheet. Complete and return the enclosed SD Form 472 and DD Form 2086, along with the SD Form 466 and any related documents to this office for processing. Attach additional instructions, if necessary. If there is anything you do not fully understand or need clarified, contact:  
Jeanne Miller (703) 696-3182 or (b)(6)
3. When this action is completed, place in distribution or deliver to the Pentagon OSD Mailroom (Room 3C843). For further assistance, call (703) 696-4689.



REQUEST INFORMATION SHEET

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK

This form is to be used for recording disclosure/non-disclosure determination associated with processing a Freedom of Information or Privacy request.

TO: OFOISR  
ROOM 2C757, PENTAGON

1. TYPE OF REQUEST  
 INITIAL  APPEAL

2. CASE NO.  
*FOIA 07-F-0309*

3. RECORD PROVIDED TO PROPONENT FOR REVIEW?

4. COMPONENT SEARCH RESULTS  
 RECORD FOUND  NO RECORD

5. - 8. RECORD DESCRIPTIONS

5.a. DATE (YYYYMMDD)	b. SECURITY CLASSIFICATION	d. ADDRESSEE	f. SUBJECT/TITLE
c. TYPE		e. ORIGINATOR	
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c. TYPE		e. ORIGINATOR	
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c. TYPE		e. ORIGINATOR	
8.a. DATE (YYYYMMDD)	b. SECURITY CLASSIFICATION	d. ADDRESSEE	f. SUBJECT/TITLE
c. TYPE		e. ORIGINATOR	

9a. ACTION TAKEN BY COMPONENT  
 GRANT IN FULL  DENY  TRANSFER TO:  
 GRANT IN PART  NO OBJECTION TO DISCLOSURE

10. EXEMPTIONS INVOLVED FOR DENIALS (See 5 USC 552, 5 USC 552a, DoD Regulation 5400.7-R, and DoD Regulation 5400.11-R)

11. RATIONALE FOR DENIAL

12. REMARKS  
*Based upon information provided there were no records found.*

13. COORDINATION

a. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)	b. OFFICE SYMBOL	c. TELEPHONE NO.	d. CONCUR	e. NON-CONCUR

14. ACTION OFFICER  
 a. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) (b)(6)  
 b. RANK *GS-15* c. TITLE *Dir, Exec Sec/SRVs*  
 e. OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBER *203.692.7137*

15. APPROVAL/DENIAL AUTHORITY  
 a. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) (b)(6)  
 b. RANK *SES* c. TITLE *Executive Secretary*  
 d. SIGNATURE (b)(6) e. DATE (YYYYMMDD) *20070522*



**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**  
**OFFICE OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION**

Control Number and Date:  
07-F-0309  
16 November 2006

Action Assigned to: ESD Attn: (b)(6) 3A948

Please conduct a search for documents responsive to the attached FOIA request.

# FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACTION

Under Provisions of the FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (5 USC § 552) and DoD Regulation 5400.7-R, respond no later than: 8 December 2006

## READ AND FOLLOW THESE SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

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TO: DFOISR ROOM 2C757, PENTAGON		1. TYPE OF REQUEST <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INITIAL <input type="checkbox"/> APPEAL		4. COMPONENT SEARCH RESULTS <input type="checkbox"/> RECORD FOUND <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO RECORD
2. CASE NO. FOIA 07-F-0309		3. RECORD PROVIDED TO PROPONENT FOR REVIEW?		
5. - 8. RECORD DESCRIPTIONS				
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10. EXEMPTIONS INVOLVED FOR DENIALS (See 5 USC 552 and DoD Directive 5400.7)				
11. RATIONALE FOR DENIAL				
12. REMARKS Based on information provided there were no records found.				
13. COORDINATION				
a. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)	b. OFFICE SYMBOL	c. TELEPHONE NO.	d. CONCUR	e. NON- CONCUR
14. ACTION OFFICER				
a. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) (b)(6)	b. TITLE FOIA Officer	(b)(6)	OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBER 703-697-9285	
15. APPROVAL/DENIAL AUTHORITY				
a. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) (b)(6)	b. TITLE ESD/Chief, Correspondence Control Division	(b)(6)	d. DATE (YYYYMMDD) 20061201	

**RECORD OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (FOI) PROCESSING COST**

*Please read instructions on back before completing form.*

REPORT CONTROL SYMBOL  
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a. SEARCH	1	1.25		55.00
b. REVIEW/EXCISING	2	0.25	X    \$44.00    -	11.00
c. OTHER/COORDINATION/DENIAL	3			0.00
7. EXECUTIVE HOURS (O-7 - ES 1 and above)		(1) TOTAL HOURS	(2) HOURLY RATE	(3) COST
a. SEARCH	1			0.00
b. REVIEW/EXCISING	2		X    \$75.00    =	0.00
c. OTHER/COORDINATION/DENIAL	3			0.00
8. COMPUTER SEARCH		(1) TOTAL TIME	(2) RATE	(3) COST
a. MACHINE TIME (Not PC, desktop, laptop)	4			0.00
b. PROGRAMMER/OPERATOR TIME (Human)			X	
(1) Clerical Hours	1		\$20.00/hr	0.00
(2) Professional Hours	1		\$44.00/hr	0.00
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b. PAGES RELEASED	5	2	.15	0.30
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b. PAPER PRINTOUT	3			0.00
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a. ALL POSTAGE/ADMINISTRATIVE (See instructions)	3		X	0.00
13. AUDIOVISUAL MATERIALS		(1) NUMBER	(2) ACTUAL COST	(3) COST
a. MATERIALS REPRODUCED	4		X	0.00
14. SPECIAL SERVICES		(1) NUMBER	(2) ACTUAL COST	(3) COST
a. ALL SPECIAL SERVICES (See instructions)	6		X	0.00
15. MICROFICHE REPRODUCED	5		X    .25    -	0.00

- FEE CODES**
- 1 Chargeable to "commercial" requesters. Chargeable to "other" requesters after deducting 2 hours.
  - 2 Chargeable to "commercial" requesters only.
  - 3 Not chargeable to any fee category.
  - 4 Chargeable to "commercial". Chargeable to "other" after deduction of the equivalent of 2 hours. (Example: deduct \$88.00 professional rate.)
  - 5 Chargeable to all fee categories after deduction of 100 pages (DOES NOT include "commercial").
  - 6 Chargeable to all fee categories. No deductions.

**16. FOR FOI OFFICE USE ONLY**

a. TOTAL COLLECTABLE FEES	
b. TOTAL PROCESSING FEES	\$67.50
c. TOTAL CHARGED	
d. FEES WAIVED/REDUCED (X one)	Yes    No
e. FEES NOT APPLICABLE (X one)	Yes    X    No

*See Chapter 6, Fee Schedule, DoD 5400.7-R, to determine appropriate assessment of fees.*

# FOI/PA CASE ASSIGNMENT WORKSHEET

Case No: 07-F-0306

ACTION ASSIGNED TO Miller TEAM: A B C PMB REVIEWER DH CARD

TYPE REQUEST: Appeal Commercial Educational News/Media NonCom/Scientific Other

EXPEDITED RESPONSE REQUESTED GRANT? Y N DCII CHECK     

UP-FRONT DOCUMENT SEARCH      DATE RECEIVED:     

REMARKS: SEE 07-F-0306 for similar request

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CLOSED      WITHDRAWN      E-FOIA REPLY

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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST INTERIM RESPONSE  
(COMPLEX REQUESTS)**

1. DATE OF REQUEST	2. DATE RECEIVED	3. CASE WORKLOAD	4. CASE NUMBER
Nov 13, 2006	Nov 14, 2006	2400	07 F 2809

This is an interim response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received in this office on the above date. Your request has been assigned the case number indicated above, and is being processed as quickly as possible in accordance with procedural requirements promulgated in DoD Regulation 5400.7-R at 32 CFR 286. As currently worded, your request may take considerable time to complete. The actual processing time will depend upon its complexity, whether it involves sensitive records, voluminous records, extensive searches, consultation among DoD components or other agencies, and our administrative workload which is listed in block 3 above.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss how to limit your request in order to speed up the processing time, please call:

(703) 696-3199 and ask for John J. Hill

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Ref: 07-F-0306

Kristin Roberts  
U.S. Military Affairs Correspondent  
Reuters  
1333 H Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Roberts:

This is the final response to your electronic Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated November 13, 2006, for "a copy of the resignation letter sent from U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld to President George W. Bush in November 2006." I apologize for the delay of this response, which was caused by the need to consult with other Department of Defense (DoD) components. A thorough search of the records systems maintained by the Executive Secretariat and the Washington Headquarters Services, Executive Services Directorate, the office which maintains the records of the Secretary of Defense, revealed no records responsive to your request.

Should you deem this no record response to be a denial of your request, you may submit an administrative appeal to James Hogan, Chief, Policy, Appeals and Litigation Branch at the above address. Your appeal should be postmarked within 60 calendar days of the date of this response, should cite to case number 07-F-0306, and should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." There are no fees associated with this response.

Sincerely,

*Will Kammer*

Will Kammer  
Chief



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U.S. Military Affairs Correspondent  
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1333 H Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Ms. Roberts:

This is an interim response to your November 13, 2006, electronic Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, which we received on the same day. You have requested "a copy of the resignation letter sent from U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld to President George W. Bush in November 2006." We have assigned your request FOIA case number 07-F-0306.

You have also requested that this request receive expedited processing "due to the compelling need to disseminate information concerning secretary's official activities and official correspondence related to his leadership of the department." By requesting expedited processing you are asking that this Office place your request ahead of all other requests that were received before your request. Requests will be taken out of chronological order based on the date of receipt and given expedited treatment only when it is determined that they involve: (1) circumstances in which lack of such treatment could reasonably be expected to pose an imminent threat to the life or safety of an individual; (2) there is an urgency to inform the public about an actual or alleged federal government activity, if made by a person primarily engaged in disseminating information; (3) the loss of substantial due process rights; or (4) humanitarian need. See 32 C.F.R. § 286.4(d)(3).

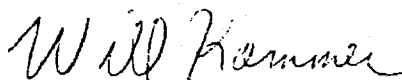
You have identified yourself as a reporter for Reuters and that the request is made as part of news gathering and not for a commercial purpose. Therefore, I find that you qualify as a representative of the news media for fee purposes. When a requester claims that information is urgently needed it ordinarily means that the information has a particular value that will be lost if not disseminated quickly and that it is the subject of a breaking news story of general public interest. The resignation of the Secretary of Defense was extensively covered in the national and international press and is no longer a breaking news story. In addition, you have failed to demonstrate how the value of this information will be lost if it is not disseminated quickly. For these reasons, I have decided to deny your request for expedited processing.



Although you have not addressed the specific amount of fees you are willing to pay, as a member of the news media, you are only responsible for document reproduction at \$0.15 per page, after the first 100 pages. I do not anticipate that document reproduction, if necessary, will exceed the 100 free pages of duplication to which you are entitled.

If you are not satisfied with my action on your request for expedited processing, you may submit an administrative appeal to James Hogan, Chief, Policy, Appeals and Litigation Branch at the above address. Your appeal should be postmarked within 60 days of the date of this letter, should cite to case number 07-F-0306 and should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Will Kammer".

Will Kammer  
Chief

# FOI/PA CASE ASSIGNMENT WORKSHEET

Case No: 07-F-0309

ACTION ASSIGNED TO Miller TEAM: A  B  C  PMB REVIEWER DH CARD  
 TYPE REQUEST: Appeal Commercial Educational News/Media NonCom/Scientific Other  
 EXPEDITED RESPONSE REQUESTED  GRANT? Y N DCII CHECK   
 UP-FRONT DOCUMENT SEARCH  DATE RECEIVED:

REMARKS: Identical to 07-F-0309 from the AP (Harry did not request expedited)

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**E-FOIA REPLY**

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To:	(b)(6) 672	OASD(PA)	From:	Jeanne Miller, (703) 696-3182
Fax:			Pages:	5 (including cover)
Phone:			Date:	4/3/2007
Re: FOIA REQUESTS 07-F-0306 & 07-F-0309CC:				

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Thank you,

Jeanne Miller  
FOIA Analyst

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Ref: 07-F-0309

Lolita C. Baldor  
Associated Press  
2021 K St., NW  
Washington, DC 20009

Dear Ms. Baldor:

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Sincerely,

*Will Kammer*

Will Kammer  
Chief

TEAM B CASE#: 07-F-0309

ACTION OFFICER: Jeanne Miller

**FINAL ACTION**

GRANT	DENIAL	<b>NO RECORD</b>
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on 4/2/07  
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**CASE HISTORY**

- ACTION TASKED TO (INCLUDE REFERRALS) -

ESD, EXSEC

- RESPONSES RECEIVED -

ESD and EXSEC both responded with "no record"

- COMMENTS (MODIFICATIONS, MFR, ETC) -

07-F-0309 and 07-F-0306 are requests for the same document. Both cases are being closed and final responses will need to be cleared with PA before releasing to the requesters.

**TEAM CHIEF COMMENTS:**

06 APR 2007

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(b)(6)

From: Lolita C. Baldor [nobody@dtic.mil]  
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2006 4:19 PM  
To: DFOISR, DOD/DFOISR/WHS  
Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request

Submitted: [13/Nov/2006:16:18:52]

Name: Lolita C. Baldor  
Organization: Associated Press  
E-mail: (b)(6)  
Phone number: (b)(6)

Address 1: 2021 K. St. NW  
Address 2: 6th Floor  
City: Washington  
State: DC  
ZIP Code: 20006  
Country: USA

Requester Control Number:

Request Message:

Nov. 13, 2006

Office of Freedom of Information and Security Review  
1155 Defense Pentagon  
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Dear Sir or Madam:

This is a request under the federal Freedom of Information Act, as amended, 5 USC 552.

I am seeking a copy of the letter Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld sent to President Bush regarding his resignation from office last week.

I am requesting this information for the purpose of possible public dissemination in a news article and therefore request that you waive charges pursuant to 5 USC 552 (a) (4) (A), Fed. Reg. 7296, Section 1900.25. I am a full time journalist employed by The Associated Press.

If you deny this request for a waiver, please advise me in advance of the estimated charges so that I may decide whether to pay the fees or appeal your denial of my request for a waiver of charges.

As I am making this request in the capacity of a journalist and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate your communicating with me by telephone, rather than by mail, if you have any questions regarding this request. My number is 202-776-9863, and I am in Room 2D535 of the Pentagon.

Thank you for your assistance, and I will look forward to receiving your reply as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Lolita C. Baldor  
Associated Press, Pentagon Reporter

Willing To Pay: \$ see above letter

Submitted via <http://www.dod.mil/pubs/foi/foiarequest.html>

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Fax: (b)(6) Pages: 6 (including cover)  
Phone: (b)(6) Date: 4/3/2007  
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)  
Office Transmittal

Case 07-F-0309

Requester MS Lolita C. Balder

Request for a copy of the letter Defense Secretary  
Donald H. Rumsfeld sent to President Bush  
regarding his resignation.

No record exists in ESD.

No record exists in Exec Sec or Sec Def Office

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Control Number and Date:  
07-F-0309  
13 March 2007

Action Assigned to: **EXSEC**

ATTN: (b)(6)

Attached is a FOIA request from the Associated Press for a copy of the letter Secretary Donald Rumsfeld sent to President Bush regarding his resignation. This office has also received the same request from Reuters.

Please conduct a search for the responsive document and review it for your release determination. Please bracket information that you determine requires withholding and indicate the appropriate FOIA exemption in the adjacent margin.

Please be advised that ESD has already been tasked to conduct a search for this document and provided a "no record" response. A copy of SD Form 472 is enclosed.

# FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACTION

Under Provisions of the FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (5 USC § 552) and DoD Regulation 5400.7-R, respond no later than: 30 March 2007

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3. When this action is completed, place in distribution or deliver to the Pentagon OSD Mailroom (Room 3C843). For further assistance, call (703) 696-4689.

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12. REMARKS <i>Based upon information provided there were no records found.</i>				
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Action Assigned to: ESD Attn: (b)(6) 3A948

Please conduct a search for documents responsive to the attached FOIA request.

# FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACTION

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Case No: 07-F-0306

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 TYPE REQUEST: Appeal Commercial Educational News/Media NonCom/Scientific Other  
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(COMPLEX REQUESTS)**

1. DATE OF REQUEST	2. DATE RECEIVED	3. CASE WORKLOAD	4. CASE NUMBER
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This is an interim response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received in this office on the above date. Your request has been assigned the case number indicated above, and is being processed as quickly as possible in accordance with procedural requirements promulgated in DoD Regulation 5400.7-R at 32 CFR 286. As currently worded, your request may take considerable time to complete. The actual processing time will depend upon its complexity, whether it involves sensitive records, voluminous records, extensive searches, consultation among DoD components or other agencies, and our administrative workload which is listed in block 3 above.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss how to limit your request in order to speed up the processing time, please call:

(703) 155-2082 and ask for James M. Hill

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APR 06 2007

Ref: 07-F-0306

Kristin Roberts  
U.S. Military Affairs Correspondent  
Reuters  
1333 H Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Roberts:

This is the final response to your electronic Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated November 13, 2006, for "a copy of the resignation letter sent from U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld to President George W. Bush in November 2006." I apologize for the delay of this response, which was caused by the need to consult with other Department of Defense (DoD) components. A thorough search of the records systems maintained by the Executive Secretariat and the Washington Headquarters Services, Executive Services Directorate, the office which maintains the records of the Secretary of Defense, revealed no records responsive to your request.

Should you deem this no record response to be a denial of your request, you may submit an administrative appeal to James Hogan, Chief, Policy, Appeals and Litigation Branch at the above address. Your appeal should be postmarked within 60 calendar days of the date of this response, should cite to case number 07-F-0306, and should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." There are no fees associated with this response.

Sincerely,

*Will Kammer*

Will Kammer  
Chief



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1333 H Street, NW  
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Dear Ms. Roberts:

This is an interim response to your November 13, 2006, electronic Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, which we received on the same day. You have requested "a copy of the resignation letter sent from U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld to President George W. Bush in November 2006." We have assigned your request FOIA case number 07-F-0306.

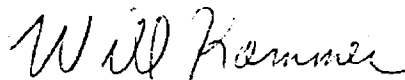
You have also requested that this request receive expedited processing "due to the compelling need to disseminate information concerning secretary's official activities and official correspondence related to his leadership of the department." By requesting expedited processing you are asking that this Office place your request ahead of all other requests that were received before your request. Requests will be taken out of chronological order based on the date of receipt and given expedited treatment only when it is determined that they involve: (1) circumstances in which lack of such treatment could reasonably be expected to pose an imminent threat to the life or safety of an individual; (2) there is an urgency to inform the public about an actual or alleged federal government activity, if made by a person primarily engaged in disseminating information; (3) the loss of substantial due process rights; or (4) humanitarian need. See 32 C.F.R. § 286.4(d)(3).

You have identified yourself as a reporter for Reuters and that the request is made as part of news gathering and not for a commercial purpose. Therefore, I find that you qualify as a representative of the news media for fee purposes. When a requester claims that information is urgently needed it ordinarily means that the information has a particular value that will be lost if not disseminated quickly and that it is the subject of a breaking news story of general public interest. The resignation of the Secretary of Defense was extensively covered in the national and international press and is no longer a breaking news story. In addition, you have failed to demonstrate how the value of this information will be lost if it is not disseminated quickly. For these reasons, I have decided to deny your request for expedited processing.

Although you have not addressed the specific amount of fees you are willing to pay, as a member of the news media, you are only responsible for document reproduction at \$0.15 per page, after the first 100 pages. I do not anticipate that document reproduction, if necessary, will exceed the 100 free pages of duplication to which you are entitled.

If you are not satisfied with my action on your request for expedited processing, you may submit an administrative appeal to James Hogan, Chief, Policy, Appeals and Litigation Branch at the above address. Your appeal should be postmarked within 60 days of the date of this letter, should cite to case number 07-F-0306 and should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Will Kammer".

Will Kammer  
Chief

# FOI/PA CASE ASSIGNMENT WORKSHEET

Case No: 07-F-0309

ACTION ASSIGNED TO Miller TEAM: A B C PMB REVIEWER DH CARD  
 TYPE REQUEST: Appeal Commercial Educational News/Media NonCom/Scientific Other  
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REMARKS: Identical to 07-F-0309 from the AP (Harry did not request expedited)

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# Fax

**To:** (b)(6) (2) OASD(PA) **From:** Jeanne Miller, (703) 696-3182  
**Fax:** **Pages:** 5 (including cover)  
**Phone:** **Date:** 4/3/2007  
**Re:** FOIA REQUESTS 07-F-0306 & 07-F-0309 **CC:**

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● **Comments:**

**COORDINATION OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST FOR NEWS MEDIA CATEGORY REQUESTER.**

In response to FOIA requests from Ms. Kristen Roberts of Reuters and Ms. Lolita C. Baldor of the Associated Press, this office intends to release the attached final response letters. Please be advised that both requests were for a copy of the letter Defense Secretary Rumsfeld sent to President Bush regarding his resignation from office. No responsive document was located. Please contact the action officer, Jeanne Miller, at 703-696-3182 or [jeanne.miller.ctr@whs.mil](mailto:jeanne.miller.ctr@whs.mil) if you have any questions or concerns regarding this action.

Thank you,

Jeanne Miller  
FOIA Analyst

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**Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD**

**From:** Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD  
**Sent:** Monday, May 21, 2007 1:26 PM  
**To:** Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD; Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA : Sec. Rumsfeld's resignation letter

Mary tells me that we had two requests for this document--one from the AP and one from Reuters. We have sent out two "no records" responses to these requests, so our cases are closed.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD  
**Sent:** Monday, May 21, 2007 1:14 PM  
**To:** Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD (Karen.Finnegan@whs.mil); Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD (mary.wahling@whs.mil)  
**Subject:** FW: FOIA : Sec. Rumsfeld's resignation letter

I seem to remember at least one request for this. Please put together the storyline and we will discuss.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** (b)(6) (b)(2) DoD OGC [mailto:(b)(6) (b)(2)]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 21, 2007 12:11 PM  
**To:** Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD; Hogan, James CIV WHS/ESD  
**Cc:** Ney, Paul, Mr, DoD OGC  
**Subject:** FW: FOIA : Sec. Rumsfeld's resignation letter

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>From: Ney, Paul, Mr, DoD OGC  
>Sent: Monday, May 21, 2007 12:08 PM  
>To: Aly, Stewart, Mr, DoD OGC; (b)(6) (b)(2)  
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(b)(6) (b)(2) Marrone, Christian, Mr, DoD OGC; Ney, Paul, Mr, DoD OGC;  
Reheuser, Michael, Mr, DoD OGC; (b)(6)  
>Subject: FOIA : Sec. Rumsfeld's resignation letter

>Anyone have any knowledge about a pending FOIA request for this? Is there any associated litigation or controversy that you may be aware of? I think the request is by Reuters.

>Paul Ney  
>Deputy General Counsel (Legal Counsel)  
>Office of the General Counsel  
>Department of Defense  
>1600 Defense Pentagon, Room (b)(6) (b)(2)  
>Washington, DC 20301-1600

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**Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD**

**From:** Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 29, 2007 9:17 AM  
**To:** Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD  
**Cc:** Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD  
**Subject:** FW: SECDEF Letter

**Attachments:** 710873 rumsfeld.pdf



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rumsfeld.pdf (199 KB)

Mary: I believe that your team handled the two pending requests for access to Mr. Rumsfeld's resignation letter. (b)(5)

Thanks,  
Karen

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 29, 2007 9:45 AM  
**To:** Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD (Karen.Finnegan@whs.mil)  
**Subject:** FW: SECDEF Letter

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Ney, Paul, Mr, DoD OGC (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)  
**Sent:** Friday, May 25, 2007 5:40 PM  
**To:** Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD  
**Cc:** (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)  
**Subject:** SECDEF Letter

Will,  
FYI. Here's a copy of Secretary Rumsfeld's resignation letter.  
Paul

Paul Ney  
Deputy General Counsel (Legal Counsel)  
Office of the General Counsel  
Department of Defense  
1600 Defense Pentagon, Room (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)  
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**Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD**

**From:** Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 19, 2007 10:40 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) (b)(2)  
**Cc:** Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD; Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD  
**Subject:** FW: FOIA Release

-----Original Message-----

**From:** (b)(6) (b)(2)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 08, 2007 10:38 AM  
**To:** Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Release

Written it up and it is in coordination.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD [mailto:mary.wahling@whs.mil]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 08, 2007 10:36 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) (b)(2)  
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**Sent:** Thursday, May 31, 2007 8:17 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) (b)(2)  
**Cc:** Jacobsmeyer, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD  
**Subject:** FOIA Release

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**Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD**

**From:** (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 19, 2007 10:51 AM  
**To:** Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD  
**Cc:** Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD; Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Release

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(b)(6)  
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From: Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD  
Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2007 10:40 AM  
To: (b)(6)  
Cc: Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD; Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD  
Subject: FW: FOIA Release

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From: (b)(6)  
Sent: Friday, June 08, 2007 10:38 AM  
To: Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD  
Subject: RE: FOIA Release

Written it up and it is in coordination.

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**Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD**

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**From:** Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 07, 2007 4:48 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD; Jacobsmeyer, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD  
**Subject:** RE: Exec Sec and the SECDEF Letters  
**Signed By:** karen.finnegan.civ@whs.mil

(b)(6) Mary [REDACTED]  
(b)(5) [REDACTED]



Karen

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 07, 2007 4:12 PM  
**To:** Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD  
**Cc:** Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD; Jacobsmeyer, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD  
**Subject:** FW: Exec Sec and the SECDEF Letters

Karen: No response to below email.

(b)(5) [REDACTED]  
(b)(6) [REDACTED]

(b)(5) [REDACTED]  
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(b)(6) [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 06, 2007 4:03 PM  
**To:** Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD  
**Cc:** Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD; Jacobsmeyer, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD  
**Subject:** RE: Exec Sec and the SECDEF Letters



(b)(6) [REDACTED]  
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Sent: Monday, August 06, 2007 3:28 PM

To: (b)(6)

Cc: Finnegan, Karen CIV WRS/ESD; Jacobsmeyer, Paul J. CIV WRS/ESD

Subject: Exec Sec and the SECDEF Letters

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From: Wahling, Mary L. CIV WRS/ESD

Sent: Thursday, August 02, 2007 10:04 AM

To: (b)(6)

Cc: Jacobsmeyer, Paul J. CIV WRS/ESD

Subject: FOIA Case 07-P-1832



Thanks.

Mary Wahling

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**Sent:** Wednesday, August 08, 2007 7:59 AM  
**To:** Jacobsmeyer, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD; (b)(6) (b)(2) Wahling, Mary L.  
CIV WHS/ESD  
**Subject:** Re: Exec Sec and the SECDEF Letters

(b)(5)

Karen Finnegan  
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**To:** (b)(6) (b)(2) Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD  
**Cc:** Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD  
**Sent:** Wed Aug 08 07:56:05 2007  
**Subject:** RE: Exec Sec and the SECDEF Letters

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**Cc:** Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD; Jacobsmeyer, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD; Hogan, James CIV WHS/ESD  
**Subject:** Rumsfeld Resignation Letter  
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**Sent:** Wednesday, August 15, 2007 1:39 PM  
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**Cc:** Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD; Jacobsmeyer, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD  
**Subject:** RE: Rumsfeld Resignation Letter  
**Signed By:** james.hogan@whs.mil

Paul,

This doesn't sound like the letter you told me about.

He mailed it??

Jim

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**Cc:** (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD; Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD; Hogan, James CIV WHS/ESD; Wahling, Mary L, CIV WHS/ESD  
**Subject:** FW: Rumsfeld Resignation Letter  
**Signed By:** paul.jacobsmeyer@whs.mil



VR,  
Paul J. Jacobsmeyer

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**From:** Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 21, 2007 4:16 PM  
**To:** Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD (mary.wahling@whs.mil); Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD (Karen.Finnegan@whs.mil); James Hogan  
**Subject:** FW: FOIA Release

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**From:** (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 21, 2007 2:15 PM  
**To:** Glassner, Craig SES WHS/ESD  
**Cc:** Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Release

Agree.

(b)(6)  
Assistant Director for Programs  
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Washington Headquarters Services  
(b)(7)

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**From:** Glassner, Craig SES WHS/ESD  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 21, 2007 2:42 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)  
**Subject:** FW: FOIA Release

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**To:** Glassner, Craig SES WHS/ESD  
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**Sent:** Thursday, June 21, 2007 5:23 PM  
**To:** Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD; Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD; Hogan, James CIV WHS/ESD  
**Subject:** Re: FOIA Release

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**To:** Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD (mary.wahling@whs.mil); Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD (Karen.Finnegan@whs.mil); James Hogan  
**Sent:** Thu Jun 21 16:16:21 2007  
**Subject:** FW: FOIA Release

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**From:** (b)(6) (b)(2)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 21, 2007 2:45 PM  
**To:** Glassner, Craig SES WHS/ESD  
**Cc:** Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD  
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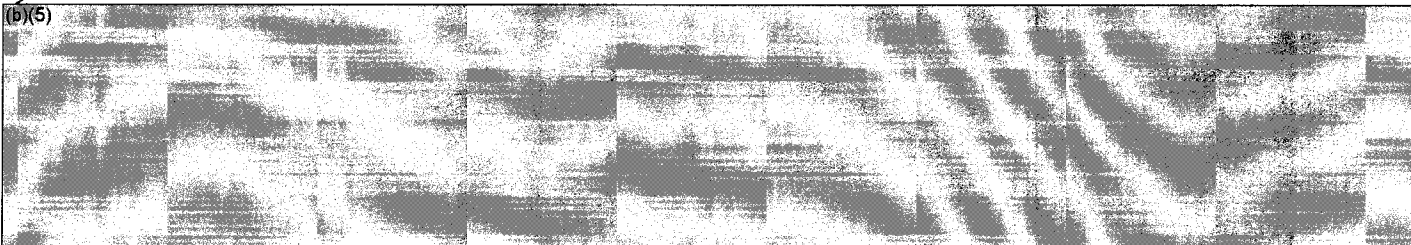
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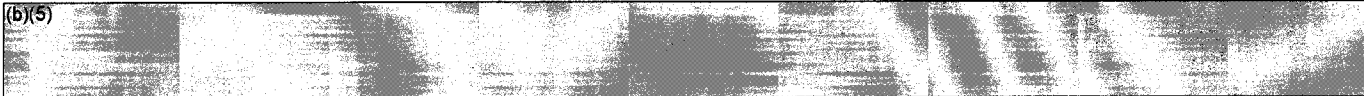
Jim-  
Their were two requests (both media) for which we gave a "no record" response.

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I think there is a request. It may have come in on a day you were out.

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**To:** Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD; Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD; Hogan, James CIV WHS/ESD  
**Sent:** Thu Jun 21 17:22:42 2007  
**Subject:** Re: FOIA Release

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**Subject:** RE: Rumsfeld Resignation Letter

Thanks, (b)(6). We are aware of the issue. Paul Ney has been in touch with the EXSEC office for a while on this one. Nothing has changed in the past month or so, if any of you hear of anything, pls let me know, and I will do the same.

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For info, (b)(6). See email that follows, same subject. (b)(6)

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**Miller, Jeanne CTR WHS/ESD**

**From:** Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 29, 2007 9:34 AM  
**To:** Miller, Jeanne CTR WHS/ESD  
**Subject:** FW: SECDEF Letter

**Attachments:** 710873 rumsfeld.pdf



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Jeanne-

(b)(5)  
(b)(5) I've  
asked (b)(6) to print out the letter on the color printer.

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**From:** Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 29, 2007 9:17 AM  
**To:** Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD  
**Cc:** Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD  
**Subject:** FW: SECDEF Letter

Mary: I believe that your team handled the two media requests for access to Mr. Rumsfeld's resignation letter. (b)(5)

(b)(5)

Thanks,  
Karen

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 29, 2007 8:45 AM  
**To:** Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD (Karen.Finnegan@whs.mil)  
**Subject:** FW: SECDEF Letter

Karen, here is the resignation letter we discussed Friday. (b)(5)

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Ney, Paul, Mr, DoD OGC (b)(6), (2)  
**Sent:** Friday, May 25, 2007 5:40 PM  
**To:** Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD  
**Cc:** (b)(6), (2)  
**Subject:** SECDEF Letter

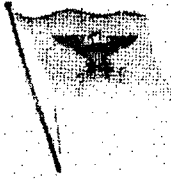
Will,  
FYI. Here's a copy of Secretary Rumsfeld's resignation letter.  
Paul

Paul Ney  
Deputy General Counsel (Legal Counsel)  
Office of the General Counsel  
Department of Defense

1600 Defense Pentagon, Room 3B688  
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**Miller, Jeanne CTR WHS/ESD**

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**To:** Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD  
**Cc:** Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD; Miller, Jeanne CTR WHS/ESD  
**Subject:** FW: FOIA Release

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**From:** (b)(6), (2)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 08, 2007 10:38 AM  
**To:** Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Release

Written it up and it is in coordination.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD [mailto:mary.wahling@whs.mil]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 08, 2007 10:36 AM  
**To:** (b)(6), (5)  
**Cc:** Jacobsmeyer, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Release

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**Miller, Jeanne CTR WHS/ESD**

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**From:** Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD  
**Sent:** Friday, July 06, 2007 9:30 AM  
**To:** Miller, Jeanne CTR WHS/ESD  
**Subject:** Rumsfeld Resignation Letter

Jeanne-  
Remind me to tell you about the development on Friday concerning the resignation letter.

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**Jacobsmeier, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD**

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**From:** Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 20, 2007 8:08 AM  
**To:** Jacobsmeier, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD  
**Cc:** Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD; Miller, Jeanne CTR WHS/ESD; Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD  
**Subject:** RE: EXSEC issue

I remember advising Will of the receipt of these requests. Let's get them tasked to EXSEC asap and ask that a quick search be conducted.

Thanks,  
Karen

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Jacobsmeier, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 20, 2007 6:50 AM  
**To:** Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD  
**Cc:** Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD  
**Subject:** FW: EXSEC issue

Karen--Jeannie brought up the below as a possible hot item to pursue with the EXSEC for search. VR, PJJ

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Miller, Jeanne CTR WHS/ESD  
**Sent:** Friday, February 16, 2007 3:22 PM  
**To:** Jacobsmeier, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD  
**Subject:** EXSEC issue

Paul:

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Thanks,

Jeanne Miller  
McNeil Project Manager/FOIA Action Officer Office of Freedom of Information Department of Defense  
Phone: 703-696-3182  
Fax: 703-696-4506

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Paul - Thanks. I will wait for further instructions from Mary.

Jeanne

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Jacobsmeyer, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 20, 2007 8:26 AM  
**To:** Miller, Jeanne CTR WHS/ESD  
**Cc:** Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD; Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD  
**Subject:** RE: EXSEC issue

Jeannie--Karen wants this tasked out, but we think (b)(6) may have the Rumsfeld SECDEF records, so Mary is going to email (b)(6) first to see if he has it. Paul

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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 20, 2007 10:26 AM  
**To:** Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD  
**Cc:** (b)(6),(2)  
**Subject:** RE: Record Search  
**Signed By:** (b)(6)

Well, if you want to dump it. The resignation letter would go to the office of the president that who would have the official letter. It is a matter of ownership, he passed that action to the President.

In the immediate office of the SECDEF  
(b)(6) was the keeper of the SECDEF files

(b)(5)

(b)(5) Please use my experience and right up front ask who her supervisor is and deal with her. I offered the same advise to (b)(6) and it worked  
(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----  
From: Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD  
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2007 9:49 AM  
To: (b)(6),(2)  
Subject: Record Search

(b)(6)  
We have two FOIA requests for Mr. Rumsfeld's resignation letter and we have been unable to find a copy through ESD. Paul suggested I ask you if you might be of assistance.

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**Jacobsmeyer, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD**

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**From:** Jacobsmeyer, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 14, 2007 11:44 AM  
**To:** Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD; Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD  
**Cc:** Hogan, James CIV WHS/ESD  
**Subject:** FW: ExecSec FOIA Protocol

FYI.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** (b)(6), (2)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 14, 2007 11:43 AM  
**To:** Jacobsmeyer, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD  
**Subject:** RE: ExecSec FOIA Protocol

Great! Sounds like a couple of good cases to prime the pump. Will work 'em, Paul. (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Assistant Director for Programs  
Executive Services Directorate  
Washington Headquarters Services

(b)(2)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Jacobsmeyer, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 14, 2007 11:41 AM  
**To:** (b)(6), (2)  
**Subject:** RE: ExecSec FOIA Protocol

(b)(6) -Per our phone discussion prior to the ASAP Conference in Las Vegas, today I am forwarding to you--to forward to OSD EXSEC as you see fit--(b)(5)

(b)(5) The search is for SECDEF Rumsfeld's resignation letter to the President; ESD searched and has no record.

(b)(5)

VR, PJJ

-----Original Message-----

**From:** (b)(6), (2)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 01, 2007 10:37 AM  
**To:** Jacobsmeyer, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD  
**Subject:** RE: ExecSec FOIA Protocol

Good intel, Paul. Thanks. (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Assistant Director for Programs  
Executive Services Directorate  
Washington Headquarters Services

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Jacobsmeyer, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 01, 2007 9:12 AM  
**To:** (b)(6), (2)  
**Subject:** RE: ExecSec FOIA Protocol

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(b)(5)

VR, PJJ

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6), (2)  
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2007 8:02 AM  
To: Jacobsmeyer, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD  
Cc: Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD  
Subject: RE: ExecSec FOIA Protocol

roger

(b)(6)

Assistant Director for Programs  
Executive Services Directorate  
Washington Headquarters Services

(b)(1)

-----Original Message-----

From: Jacobsmeyer, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD  
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2007 8:01 AM  
To: (b)(6), (2)  
Cc: Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD  
Subject: FW: ExecSec FOIA Protocol

(b)(6) FYI, Will will get in at 0830, suggest we do conference call shortly thereafter.  
VR, PJJ

-----Original Message-----

From: Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD  
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2007 7:59 AM  
To: Jacobsmeyer, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD  
Subject: Re: ExecSec FOIA Protocol

I will be in at 0830.

----- Original Message -----

From: Jacobsmeyer, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD  
To: (b)(6), (2) Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD; Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD  
Sent: Thu Mar 01 07:25:51 2007  
Subject: RE: ExecSec FOIA Protocol

Roger, I'm checking them out now. Keep in mind, also, that we have searches that would be fairly simple. VR, PJJ

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Subject: RE: ExecSec FOIA Protocol

Exactly what I want to discuss this morning, Paul. Would like a conference call as soon as all get in - around 8. (b)(5)

(b)(5)

(b)(5),(b)(6)

Pete.

(b)(6)

Assistant Director for Programs  
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(b)(6)

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Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2007 6:52 AM  
To: Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD; (b)(6) (1) Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD  
Subject: RE: ExecSec FOIA Protocol

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(b)(6), (b)(7)

(b)(5), (b)(6)

VR, PJO

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From: Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD  
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2007 4:51 PM  
To: (b)(6) (1) Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD (Karen.Finnegan@whs.mil); Jacobsmeyer, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD (paul.jacobsmeyer@whs.mil)  
Subject: RE: ExecSec FOIA Protocol

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From: (b)(6) (1)  
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2007 4:42 PM  
To: Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD  
Subject: ExecSec FOIA Protocol

Will: In the morning, let's have a brief conference call with Karen, Paul, and you to discuss where we are on this issue. I suspect we haven't sent a case over since (b)(6) (1) left and they are stacking up on the floor beside Paul's desk.

(b)(6)

Assistant Director for Programs  
Executive Services Directorate  
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**Jacobsmeier, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD**

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**To:** (b)(6),(2)  
**Cc:** Jacobsmeier, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Release

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**From:** Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD  
**Sent:** Monday, May 21, 2007 1:53 PM  
**To:** (b)(6), (2) DoD OGC  
**Cc:** Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD; Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA : Sec. Rumsfeld's resignation letter

True enough, that story pretty much covers it. Mary checked and advised that the no-record response to Reuters in the story is true and came from our office. There was another request from the AP which we also answered with a no record. No appeals or litigation.

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**Subject:** RE: FOIA : Sec. Rumsfeld's resignation letter

I think this may give us all we need to know!:  
<http://www.reuters.com/article/topNews/idUSN1540848320070515?feedType=RSS>

(b)(6)

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**Subject:** RE: FOIA : Sec. Rumsfeld's resignation letter

(b)(6), I'm reasonably sure that there is at least one request for the resignation letter. We are getting the story together and will get back to you.

Will

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**Sent:** Monday, May 21, 2007 12:11 PM  
**To:** Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD; Hogan, James CIV WHS/ESD  
**Cc:** Ney, Paul, Mr, DoD OGC  
**Subject:** FW: FOIA : Sec. Rumsfeld's resignation letter

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(b)(6), (2) Marrone, Christian, Mr, DoD OGC; Ney, Paul, Mr, DoD OGC;  
Reheuser, Michael, Mr, DoD OGC; (b)(6), (2)  
>Subject: FOIA : Sec. Rumsfeld's resignation letter  
>  
>Anyone have any knowledge about a pending FOIA request for this? Is there any associated litigation or controversy that you may be aware of? I think the request is by Reuters.  
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**To:** Ney, Paul, Mr, DoD OGC  
**Subject:** SECDEF Letter - FOIA Response

**Attachments:**

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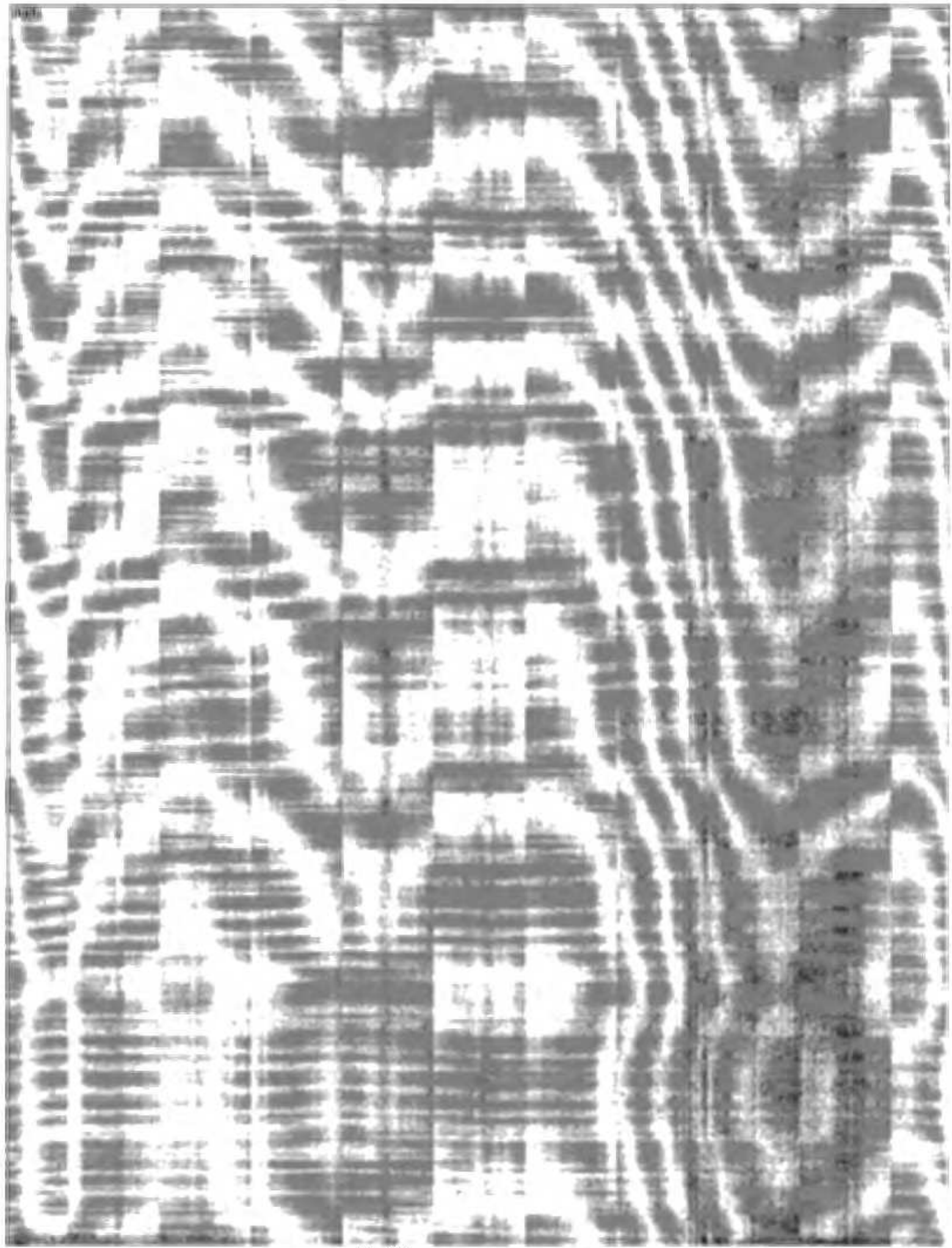


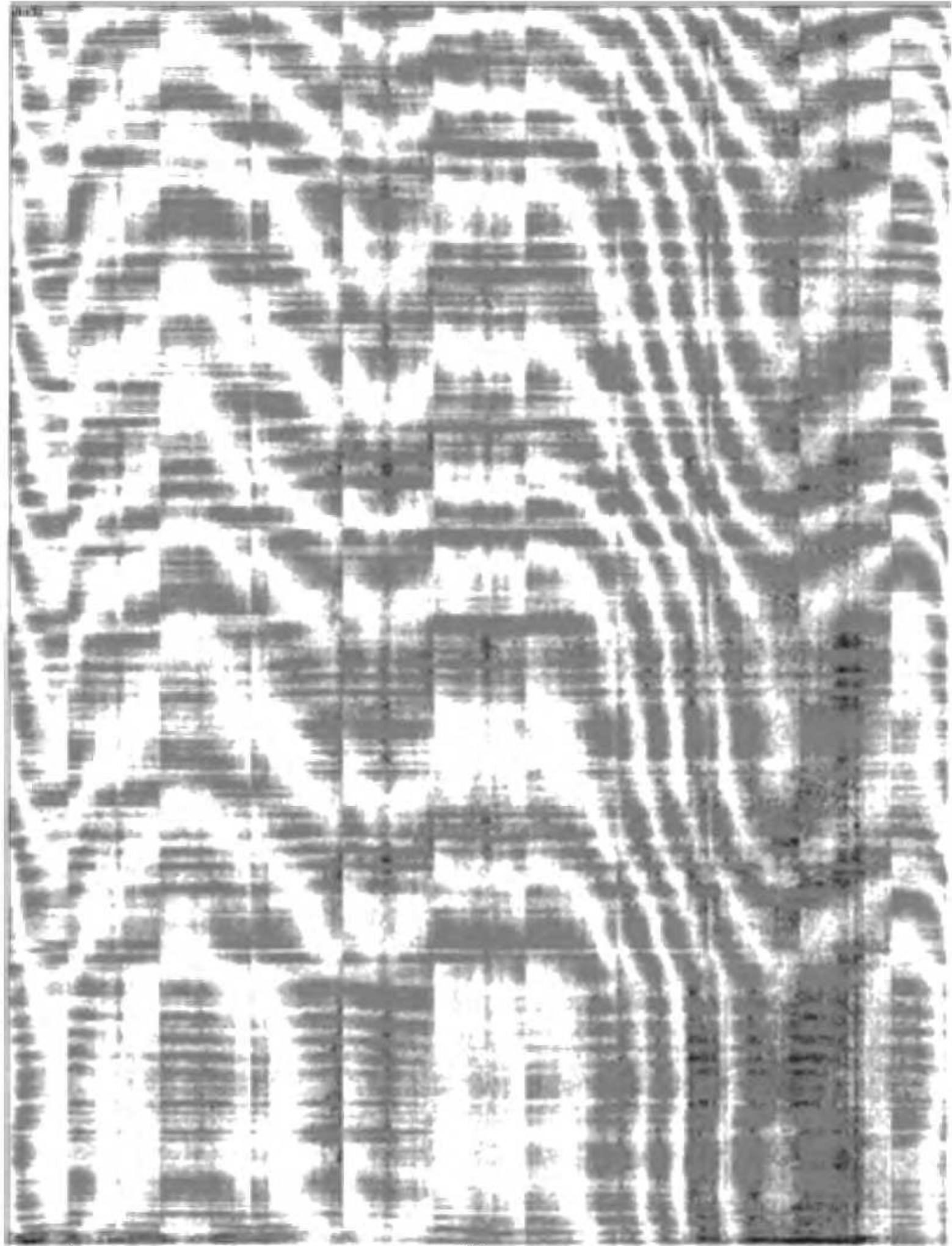
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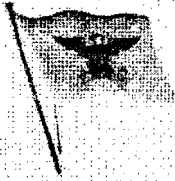
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**Cc:** Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD; Miller, Jeanne CTR WHS/ESD  
**Subject:** FW: FOIA Release

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**Sent:** Friday, June 08, 2007 10:38 AM  
**To:** Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Release

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**Sent:** Friday, June 08, 2007 10:36 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) (2)  
**Cc:** Jacobsmeyer, Paul J. CIV WHS/ESD  
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**Sent:** Thursday, May 31, 2007 8:17 AM  
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**Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD**

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**Sent:** Tuesday, June 19, 2007 10:40 AM  
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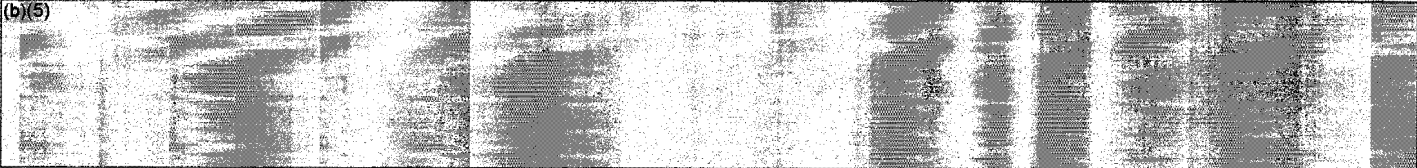
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**Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD**

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**From:** Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 21, 2007 5:23 PM  
**To:** Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD; Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD; Hogan, James CIV WHS/ESD  
**Subject:** Re: FOIA Release

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Karen Finnegan  
Chief, Initial Processing Branch  
Office of Freedom of Information  
(703) 696-3081

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From: Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD  
To: Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD (mary.wahling@whs.mil); Finnegan, Karen CIV WHS/ESD (Karen.Finnegan@whs.mil); James Hogarr  
Sent: Thu Jun 21 16:16:21 2007  
Subject: FW: FOIA Release

The latest.

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From: (b)(6) (2)  
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2007 2:45 PM  
To: Glassner, Craig SES WHS/ESD  
Cc: Kammer, William CIV WHS/ESD  
Subject: RE: FOIA Release

Agree.

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Assistant Director for Programs  
Executive Services Directorate  
Washington Headquarters Services

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From: Glassner, Craig SES WHS/ESD  
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2007 2:42 PM  
To: (b)(6) (2)  
Subject: FW: FOIA Release

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See answers from (b)(6)  
Based on his response I can go to Paul Ney and ask him for his insights, prognosis, etc.  
Craig

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From: (b)(6) (2)  
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2007 2:35 PM  
To: Glassner, Craig SES WHS/ESD  
Subject: RE: FOIA Release

Pls see my responses below

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>From: Glassner, Craig SES WHS/ESD (b)(6) (2)  
>Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2007 2:25 PM

>To: (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)

>Subject: FOIA Release

>Importance: High

>  
>Good Afternoon, (b)(6)

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>Just following up on our discussion yesterday.



>  
>Pls advise,----see my responses

>  
>Will keep you posted---or weigh in as you wish.----- (b)(6)

>Thank  
>Craig  
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**Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD**

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**From:** Wahling, Mary L. CIV WHS/ESD  
**Sent:** Friday, July 06, 2007 9:30 AM  
**To:** Miller, Jeanne CTR WHS/ESD  
**Subject:** Rumsfeld Resignation Letter  
**Signed By:** mary.wahling@whs.mil

Jeanne-  
Remind me to tell you about the development on Friday concerning the resignation letter.

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