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Certified Mail

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Dear Mr. Smith:

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST (FOI 2017-01823)

This letter is in response to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request you submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Headquarters FOIA Office on April 29, 2017, requesting “copies of all DOE classification briefing correspondence from classification officials charged with implementing WPN-136. WPN-136 is a classification bulletin titled *Guidance on Release of Information Relating to the Potential for an Israeli Nuclear Capability.*” In an email dated May 17, 2017, you modified your request to “copies of all DOE classification briefing correspondence, including DOE emails, calendar entries, memos and all other correspondence from classification officials charged with implementing WPN-136. This is included but not limited to correspondence related to the provisions of *special briefings* about skirting the issue of Israel’s nuclear weapons. WPN-136 is a classification bulletin titled *Guidance on Release of Information Relating to the Potential for an Israeli Nuclear Capability.*”

Your request was forwarded to this office to conduct a search for any responsive documents, and was received by this office on September 21, 2017.

Your request was assigned to the DOE Richland Operations Office (RL) Security & Emergency Services Division to conduct a search for any responsive documents. This search has been completed and no documents were located.

The undersigned individual is responsible for this determination. You have the right to appeal to the Office of Hearings and Appeals, as provided in 10 CFR 1004.8, for the adequacy of our search. Should you choose to exercise this right, your appeal must be filed within 90 days after receipt of this letter. You may submit your appeal by email to OHA.filings@hq.doe.gov, including the phrase “Freedom of Information Appeal” in the subject line. Alternatively, any such appeal may be made in writing to the following address: Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals (HG-1), U.S. Department of Energy, L’Enfant Plaza Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. 20585-1615. Should you choose to appeal, please provide my office with a copy of your appeal.

In addition, you requested a waiver of fees. As costs associated with your request were minimal, a determination on your request for a fee waiver is not being made.

You may contact the RL FOIA Public Liaison, Richard Buel, at (509) 376-3375, or by mail at P.O. Box 550, Richland, Washington, 99352 for any further assistance and/or to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, email at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact me at our address above or (509) 376-6288.

Sincerely,

-Original Signed By-

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