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Mr. David Barstow
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Dear Mr. Barstow:

Enclosed is an interim release of material in response to your April 28, 2006, Freedom of Information Act request, as modified by your letter dated February 13, 2007.

The Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Public Affairs (OASD (PA)), has provided the enclosed documents as responsive to your request. The pages of the responsive documents have been 'Bates Stamped' from 1 to 666 to assist you in reviewing this response. These pages contain the responsive e-mails from OASD (PA) from September 11, 2001, through April 30, 2006, plus the first 200 pages of Miss Tara Jones' e-mails. Ms. Allison Barber, an Initial Denial Authority for the OASD (PA), has determined that some of the redacted information is exempt from release because it pertains to internal matters of a relatively trivial nature that do not shed significant light on an agency personnel rule or practice. In this instance, the redacted information consists of non-public Department of Defense (DoD) telephone and room numbers. Additionally, portions of the withheld information are specifically exempted by 10 U.S.C. § 130b, which applies to personally identifiable information of personnel in overseas, sensitive or routinely deployable positions. Other deleted information exempt from release pertains to certain inter- or intra-agency communications protected by the deliberative process privilege. Finally, some information is withheld because release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of individuals. The redacted information under this exemption consists primarily of home/e-mail addresses, social security numbers and personally identifying information of DoD personnel. It has been DoD policy to withhold lists of names and other personally identifying information of DoD personnel since the President declared a national emergency following the terrorist attacks on the United States in 2001. Consequently, this information is denied pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(2)(low), (b)(3), (b)(5) and (b)(6).

Please note that one paragraph on page 452 and two paragraphs on page 464 of the enclosed documents have been withheld because they are non-responsive to your request.

These paragraphs are personal e-mails that were interwoven with e-mails responsive to your request.

Per the agreement between the interested parties, we have processed the first 200 pages of Ms. Tara Jones' e-mails for you to determine if the remaining pages should be processed. These e-mails are located at Bates Numbers 494 through 666 and 27 pages were withheld because they were non-responsive to your request. As you requested, we are providing the information to you in hard copy and on the enclosed compact disk.

Sincerely,

Will Kammer

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Chief

Enclosures:
As stated