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Dear Mr. Schroeder,

This is in response to your letter dated April 4, 2003 requesting copies of particular documents pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).

Your letter requests a copy of documents pertaining to the current review of the defense export policy under National Security Presidential Directive 19, which have been made available to, or prepared for, the Defense Trade Advisory Group. Also, you requested copies of any documents produced by DTAG, which contain responses to the review, or advice concerning it.

Under Section 10(b) of the FACA, agencies are generally obligated to make available to the public all materials that were made available to or prepared for or by an advisory committee, except for materials an agency reasonably believes to be exempt from disclosure pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Food Chem. News v. Department of Health and Human Services, 299 US App DC 25, 980 F2d 1468 (1992).
Enclosure 1 contains the documents being released. Enclosure 2 contains a document being released in part. Also, Enclosure 3 lists the documents not being released and the reason. Information in Documents 1-7, listed in enclosure 3, are being withheld under Exemption 5 of the FOIA because those documents reveal the deliberative, pre-decisional, decision-making process of the Department.

Sincerely,

Michael T. Dixon
Director
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Enclosures: As Stated