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Re: OIP/13-01801

Dear Mr. Aftergood:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated and received in this Office on February 6, 2013, for a copy of the Department of Justice Office of Legal Counsel White Paper entitled "Lawfulness of a Lethal Operation Directed against a U.S. Citizen Who Is a Senior Operational Leader of Al-Qa'ida or An Associated Force."

The Department has determined that the document responsive to your request is appropriate for release as a matter of agency discretion, and a copy is enclosed. Inasmuch as this constitutes a full grant of your request, I am closing your file in this Office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Melanie Ann Pustay".

Melanie Ann Pustay
Director

Enclosure