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July 16, 2015

Mr. Thomas S. Blanton
2130 H Street NW - Gelman Library
Suite 701- National Security Archive
Washington, DC 20037

Dear Mr. Blanton:

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated July 14, 2006, wherein you request "all documents created between November 15, 1989 and September 30, 1990 relating, in whole or in part, to the rebellion in Liberia, led by the National Patriotic Front of Liberia and the Counterinsurgency effort by the Armed Forces of Liberia.

During the initial processing of this request by the Chief of Naval Operations FOIA Office in Washington, DC, documents belonging to the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) and U.S. Fleet Forces Command (USFF) were identified requiring review. These documents were ultimately forwarded to USFF for action and received on January 8, 2015.

As the documents were classified, a classification review was required in order to determine their releasability. Your patience was greatly appreciated during this lengthy process.

During the FOIA review, and in accordance with the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) review, certain information was determined to be exempt from disclosure, under the following:

- 5 USC 552 (b)(1), information properly and currently classified in the interest of national defense or foreign policy; and

- 5 USC 552 (b)(3), information that a statute specifically exempts from disclosure by terms that permit no discretion on the issue, or in accordance with criteria established by that statute, in this case, 10 USC 424, the Protection of Organizational and Personnel Information for Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), NRO National Reconnaissance Office and National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA).

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The releasable portions of the responsive documents are provided as enclosure (1). The original classification markings have been lined through, the redactions accomplished, and the document re-stamped UNCLASSIFIED for the purpose of release only.

Because your request has been denied in part, you are advised of your right to appeal this determination, in writing, to:

Office of the Judge Advocate General
Department of the Navy
Attn: FOIA Appeals, Code 14
1322 Patterson Avenue SE, Suite 3000
Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066

Your appeal must be postmarked within 60 calendar days from the date of this letter to be considered. A statement as to why your appeal should be granted and the enclosed copy of this letter should be attached. Both the appeal letter and the envelope should bear the notation, "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

I am the person responsible for the above determination. Please contact Ms. Linda Alvers at (757) 836-3630 or at linda.alvers@navy.mil if you require further assistance.

Sincerely,

JACK E. HANZLIK, JR
By direction

Encl: 1. Responsive documents (Redacted)

Copy to (w/o encl):
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2000 Navy Pentagon
Washington, DC 20350-2000
Serial file
Case file