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Re: FOIA Requests Relating to Security Information

Problem is that the information requested has not, up until this point, been "security information." In fact, some of it has been in the FSAR, which has been in the public domain. That fact notwithstanding, recent events have prompted the agency to take down its external website and remove certain materials, so as not to make it easy for potential terrorists to gain access to the information. Similarly, we should carefully examine our policies re what we will/will not release in response to FOIA requests, and I believe the decision should be made at the agency level, versus each office making its own decision on what should or should not be withheld, and the bases for that decision.

· C10 >>> Carol Ann Reed 10/12/01 03:00PM >>>

For your information, FOIA requests relating to security information are being processed as usual. Once you are given the go ahead from my office to begin processing such a request, compile your records as you normally have done in the past and provide them to my office.

If you believe under the current heightened security environment the records contain information that warrant closer scrutiny, please list these records on a separate appendix and provide a harm statement explaining the sensitivity of the information.

For information withholdable under Exemption 3, Unclassified Safeguards Information, indicate in the margin of the record the section(s) of 10 CFR 73.21 under which the bracketed information falls.

For your information, copies of FOIA requests are being provided to the OEDO if it is apparent from the incoming request that security information is being requested.

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