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## FOI/PA REQUEST

Case No.: CON-2011-0005  
Date Rec'd: 1-12-11  
Specialist: Raphael  
Related Case: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Mr. Talbott:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. Section 552, *et seq.* (as amended), I hereby request disclosure of the documents described on the attached page of this letter for inspection and possible copying. If you regard any of these documents as potentially exempt from the FOIA's disclosure requirements, I request that you nonetheless exercise your discretion to disclose them. As the FOIA requires, please release all reasonably segregable nonexempt portions of documents which contain information you regard as exempt. To permit me to reach an intelligent and informed decision whether or not to file an administrative appeal of any denied material, please describe any withheld records (or portions thereof) and explain the basis for your exemption claims.

This request is made on behalf of the National Security Archive, a nonprofit public interest research institute and library in Washington, D.C. The Archive is a tax-exempt nonprofit organization whose purpose is to enrich public policy debate by making widely available records on important areas of major public concern on foreign, defense and intelligence policy. Documents obtained by the Archive, including the records requested in this letter, are carefully analyzed, indexed, organized into collections and published. Archive document collections are also available for inspection and copying at the Archive by scholars, journalists, members of Congress and their staffs, present and former public officials, other public interest organizations, and the general public. Information in these documents is disseminated across the country through distribution of our published collections to research libraries and through the Archive's other publishing and media activities. I am conducting research on the subject of this request as part of an Archive research team which includes experts on the subject and which already has done extensive research and determined that the requested materials are necessary to our project.

Please also waive all fees in connections with this request. In *National Security Archive v. U.S. Department of Defense*, 880 F.2d 1381 (D.C. Cir. 1989), *cert. Denied*, 110 S Ct. 1478 (1990), the Archive was declared entitled to a waiver of all search and review fees under the FOIA as a "representative of the news media." This request also qualifies for a waiver of duplication fees because disclosure of the information in the requested documents is in the public interest since release to us of these records, which directly relate to the formation of U.S. policy on the subject, is likely to contribute significantly to greater public understanding of the operation or activities of the government in making that policy. Should you decline to waive or reduce all duplication fees, we are prepared to pay normal reproduction costs if I decide to copy the records produced, but please describe your specific reasons in writing and notify us before incurring costs over \$100.

To expedite the release of the requested documents, please disclose them on an interim basis as they become available to you, without waiting until all the documents have been processed. If you have any question

Sincerely,

*William Burr*

William Burr

FOIA Requester: Burr, William

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Subject of Request:

Copies of the following:

- a. (Records of any discussions) between RAND analyst Michael Pillsbury and officials (of the Peoples Republic of China on possible U.S.-Chinese defense relations)
- b. Reports or briefings prepared by Michael Pillsbury, Morton Abramowitz, and/or Andrew Marshall concerning a possible U.S. defense relationship with the Peoples Republic of China
- c. Documents that describe or discuss Chinese (PRC) nuclear weapons policies or programs, including prospective or past nuclear weapons tests and delivery systems
- d. Documents that describe or discuss Chinese (PRC) air defense systems
- e. Documents that describe or discuss U.S. policies toward Chinese (PRC) nuclear weapons, including delivery systems
- f. Documents that describe or discuss U.S. policy regarding the transfer of materials or technology with possible applications in nuclear weapons, command and control, or warning, to China (PRC) from any country
- g. Documents that describe or discuss deployment of intelligence collection facilities in China (PRC), including stations to monitor Soviet missile tests
- h. Documents that describe or discuss providing China (PRC) with U.S. intelligence information on Soviet nuclear forces

I ask that you limit your search to the following files from Record Group 330, Department of Defense Records, held at the Federal Records Center at Suitland, Md.:

1. Accession 330-79-2049, 1976 Official Records (Secret and below) of the Secretary of Defense et al.

Box 67. Files: China (Reds) 000.1-199  
China (Reds) 092  
China (Reds) 200-899

2. Accession 330-79-037, 1976 General Files--ASD/ISA Policy Files

Box 24. Files: China 000.1-333  
China 334-560

NOTE: Please omit from your search any records relating to student requests for term paper information.