

would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. No portion of this record is reasonably segregable. I therefore affirm the Chief, Policy Staff's denial of this record on these grounds.

The reasons for withholding the remainder of the records as set forth in this letter are as responsive as possible without disclosing classified information. The protection required precludes my identifying them further. Classification of the records is required because their disclosure would reveal the intelligence sources and methods by which they were derived, the revelation of which would cause damage to the national security interests of the United States. Revealing some information cannot be accomplished without also revealing the capability of our intelligence system to acquire and assimilate it. Thus, no portion of any of these records is reasonably segregable as release of any portion would compromise intelligence sources and methods. We are required by statute and Executive Order to protect such sources and methods; therefore, all portions of the records are properly classified. The Chief, Policy Staff, by citing Public Law 86-36 (50 U.S.C. §402 note), 18 U.S.C. §798 and 50 U.S.C. §403(d)(3) as bases for exempting the records indicated that they were being withheld for this reason. Any further meaningful identification would reveal information classified under Executive Order 12065 and protected by Public Law 86-36, and 18 U.S.C. §798, as well as 50 U.S.C. §403(d)(3). As of 1 December 1978, Executive Order 12065 replaced Executive Order 11652, and the Department of Defense

(DoD) Regulation 5200.1-R was revised to implement the new Executive Order. The information being withheld from you has been reviewed in accordance with these classification guidelines.

With respect to the classifications assigned to the records being withheld, I have concluded that each record meets the criteria for classification in Section 1-3 of Executive Order 12065 and in paragraph 2-202 of DoD Regulation 5200.1-R and that each is properly classified in its entirety within the categories provided in Section 1-1 of Executive Order 12065 and in Chapter I, Section 5 of DoD Regulation 5200.1-R. The records have been reviewed for possible declassification or downgrading according to the provisions of Sections 3-1 and 3-3 of Executive Order 12065 and of properly Chapter III of DoD Regulation 5200.1-R and found to be properly classified and therefore excluded from declassification or downgrading. In conducting this review, I have weighed the significant need for openness in government against the likelihood of damage to our national security at this time and have determined that the records should continue to be classified. Thus, I find that the Chief, Policy Staff properly found the records to be exempt from release pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(1), and I affirm his denial of your request for release of the information on these grounds.

The National Security Agency is precluded by 18 U.S.C. §798 from providing information concerning classified communications intelligence activities except to those persons authorized to receive such