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FOIA/PA REQUEST

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Re: Request under the FOIA; in reply refer to Archive FOIA Sequence Number 20150024DOD007

Dear Mr. Jacobsmeyer:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), I hereby request disclosure of the following documents for inspection and possible copying:

All documents related to the following topics – Secretary of Defense visits to Russia, the Ukraine, or Kazakhstan; meetings and negotiations with officials from those countries; the Nunn-Lugar/Cooperative Threat Reduction initiative and/or Project Sapphire; or weapons of mass destruction in the above-mentioned countries - found in the following retired Department of Defense records:

Accession 330-95-0037, 1993 Officials Records (Secret and Below) of the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense –

Box 102: Russia – January through April Chron Files

I am primarily interested in policy-related documents, such as briefing materials, position papers, cables to and from the U.S. embassies in the three countries specified, memoranda of conversation, etc. You may exclude from the scope of the review any materials that are in the public domain, pertain to press briefings or releases, or press media reports.

As a representative of the news media, the National Security Archive qualifies for "representative of the new media" status under 5 U.S.C. Sec. 552(a)(4)(A)(ii)(II) and, therefore, may not be charged search and review fees. (See *National Security Archive v. U.S. Department of Defense*, 880 F.2d 1381 (D.C. Cir. 1989), *cert denied*, 110 S.Ct. 1478 (1990)). This request is made as part of a scholarly and news research project that is intended for publication and is not for commercial use. For details on the Archive's research and extensive publication activities please see our website at [www.nsarchive.org](http://www.nsarchive.org). Please notify me before incurring photocopying costs over \$100.

If your review of this case suggests there would be no foreseeable harm from disclosing the requested records or any potential harm would be limited in comparison to the public interest in disclosure, please exercise your discretion to release this information in its entirety. 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.

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 questions regarding my request, please contact me at (202) 994-7000 or [wampler@gwu.edu](mailto:wampler@gwu.edu). I look forward to receiving your response.

Sincerely,

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(by MEC)

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