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Via email

RE: BIS FOIA Request DOC-BIS-2024-000109

This letter is in response to your March 28, 2024, Freedom of Information Act request to the Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) for: "1) A copy of the BIS classification guide for national security classified documents. 2) A copy of the BIS declassification guide, if one exists. 3) A copy of each listing of documents declassified during the last few years. 4) a copy of the inventory of classified documents at BIS (I am interested in just the dates, not the title or subject matter). 5) a copy of any memo or report that indicates that volume of classified records at BIS. 6) a copy of any records describing declassification projects at BIS."

On May 24, 2024, BIS corresponded with you to obtain additional clarification on points 4 and 5 concerning an inventory of classified documents and any memos or reports that indicate the volume of classified records at BIS. Specially, we are wondering 1) if there is a date range you can provide that we can apply to our search, and 2) if you are primarily interested in original classification decisions (OCA actions) or if you are also interested in derivative decisions. More specificity will allow us to conduct a more thorough search. You have responded to amend your request for number 4, to limit it to data for documents during the approximate timeframe 1970 - 1992 only. I am interested in both OCA and derivative actions. If this results in too large a volume of records, I would be willing to limit the date range further, to 1970 - 1989 only; and for number 5 to any report or memo that indicates the volume of classified records at BIS to during the timeframe 2015 to present. I am interested in both OCA and derivative actions.

BIS has completed its review, and we have no responsive records to items 1, 2, 3, and 6 of your request. For items 1 and 2 BIS uses the Department of Commerce's classification and declassification guides and does not have separate guides.

For item 4, the program office reviewing this FOIA request is unaware of a memorandum published fitting the context of the FOIA request. The information as requested is limited to the program office based on tracking capabilities available during the timeframes requested. The current volume available to the program office via report in response to the question is 4 pages current holding. A copy of the report is being released to you in full.

For item 5, BIS primarily is a recipient of classified information from other departments and agencies. Not all derivative actions are tracked. The program office reviewing this FOIA request



is unaware of a memorandum published fitting the context of the FOIA request. The current volume available to the program office via report in response to the question is 45 pages current holdings. A copy of the report is being released to you in full.

I trust that this information fully satisfies your request. If you have questions regarding this request, please contact the BIS FOIA Public Liaison, Ms. Wanda Frazier, via e-mail at Wanda.Frazier@bis.doc.gov.

Sincerely,

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