

THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

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Honorable Barry Goldwater  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Barry:

Your letter to me of February 7, reiterating your request of September 5, 1975, to Jim Schlesinger, that all the Southeast Asia rules of engagement and operating authorities be declassified and released, crossed in the mail with my General Counsel's reply of February 13, 1976.

I trust that the 506 documents he transmitted to you by that letter meet your requirements at this time. We will, of course, continue to assess in accordance with established procedures the possibility of further declassification actions.

In this connection, it has since been determined that an additional nine messages, which are enclosed, may also be released. The downgrading date indicated on the messages is the date of the authorization pursuant to which declassification was done rather than the actual date of declassification.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures  
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