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Mr. Peter Hayes
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Dear Mr. Hayes:

This is the fourth response to your appeal of the denial by Major General Walter C. Schrupp, Deputy Chief of Staff, United States Pacific Command, of your request for Commander in Chief Pacific (CINCPAC) Quarterly Reports to the Secretary of Defense.

Your appeal has been considered as required by the Freedom of Information Act. As the appellate authority, I affirm that the denied portions of the enclosed document qualify for exemption under the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(1) and (b)(5) as being material, the unauthorized disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to cause serious damage to the national security and/or internal predecisional communication between CINCPAC and the Secretary of Defense. That portion of the initially denied document which I have determined may be released is enclosed.

As was indicated previously, a final determination on fees will be made once the series of quarterly reports you requested has been processed.

Sincerely,

Fred S. Hoffman
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary

Enclosure

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H. [REDACTED] COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION. ON 31 MARCH, THE PRESIDENT SIGNED AND FORWARDED TO CONGRESS THE COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION FOR THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA AND THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS. THE COMPACT, IF RATIFIED, WILL RECOGNIZE THE TWO AS SOVEREIGN STATES EMERGING FROM THE PRESENT TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS AND THEY WILL EACH TAKE ON THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SELF GOVERNMENT. THEIR CAPACITY IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS WILL BE RECOGNIZED BUT THEY WILL HAVE VESTED IN THE UNITED STATES FULL RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY FOR THEIR DEFENSE FOR A MINIMUM PERIOD OF 15 YEARS. WE WILL PROVIDE AGREED AMOUNTS OF GRANT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND CERTAIN U.S. GOVERNMENT SERVICES FOR THE SAME MINIMUM PERIOD. THE BASIC RELATIONSHIP OF FREE ASSOCIATION WILL BE INDEFINITE IN DURATION BUT CAN BE TERMINATED AT ANY TIME BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT OR BY THE UNILATERAL ACTION OF ANY OF THE GOVERNMENTS. THE ECONOMIC AND DEFENSE PROVISIONS WILL BE SUBJECT TO RENEGOTIATION AND RENEWAL AT THE END OF THEIR SPECIFIED MINIMUM PERIODS. [PALAU WILL CONTINUE AS A TRUST TERRITORY UNTIL ITS LEADERS DECIDE TO DISCUSS STATUS IN A SERIOUS MANNER.]



ON THE OTHER HAND, THE GOVERNMENT OF MAURITIUS HAS SIGNIFICANTLY REVERSED DIRECTIONS IN ITS BILATERAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE U.S., AND WE HAVE RECENTLY BEEN ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE ITS DESIRE FOR MAURITIAN LABORERS TO AGAIN WORK

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