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Dear 

Thank you for your 19 September 2018 Freedom of Information Act request. We perfected your request on 24 October 2018. As a reminder, U.S. Strategic Command did not stand up until June 1992. Our search located nine responsive documents pertaining to item (1) of your request and two documents for item (2). I am releasing the documents pertaining to item (2) in their entirety.

After carefully reviewing the item (1) documents, I have determined certain portions are releasable. However, there are portions I am withholding. As the Initial Denial Authority, I have determined that certain information I am denying access to is currently and properly classified in the interest of national defense or foreign policy according to Executive Order 13526, *Classified National Security Information*, Sections 1.4(a) and 1.7(e). I have determined certain portions of the document dated 31 October 1995 no longer meet the classification criteria of the Executive Order. Therefore, under my authority as an Original Classification Authority, I have declassified those portions.

I am also denying certain portions, as they are privileged attorney client communications and attorney work products. Although all nine documents qualify as being exempt in their entirety under the deliberative process privilege, I have determined certain portions can be released without harm to the deliberative process and U.S. Strategic Command's operations. Lastly, I am denying access to the names of lower level personnel as release would clearly be an invasion of personal privacy.

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552, Freedom of Information Act, Exemptions 1, 5, and 6 are hereby invoked, and require this information be withheld. If you are not satisfied with this action, you may appeal this response to the appellate authority, Ms. Joo Chung, Director of Oversight and Compliance, Office of the Secretary of Defense. The appellate address is: ODCMO, Director of Oversight and Compliance, 4800 Mark Center Drive ATTN: DPCLTD, FOIA Appeals, Mailbox #24, Alexandria VA 22350-1700. As an alternative, you may use the OSD FOIA request portal at <http://pal.whs.mil/palMain.aspx>; or e-mail your appeal to OSD.FOIA-APPEAL@mail.mil. Your appeal should be submitted within 90 calendar days of this letter and should cite case number 19-006, and be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at (202) 741-5770; toll free at 1-977-684-6448; or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel L. Karbler".

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