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Office of the Director of National Intelligence
Public Affairs Office
Washington, DC 20511

Re: Request under the FOIA, in reply refer to Archive #20061908DNI013

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), I hereby request disclosure of the following:

All documents including but not limited to emails, letters, and memos exchanged between the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, including the Director of National Intelligence, and members of Congress and/or congressional staffers regarding a National Intelligence Estimate or a draft National Intelligence Estimate on Iraq in process but not yet released in September 2006. Please include members of Congress and committees concerned with appropriations, armed services, foreign affairs, and intelligence. Please include letters exchanged between DNI Negroponte and Representative Jane Harmon in late September 2006. Please include documents concerned with requests for, progress on, classification of, and issuance of the NIE.

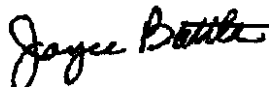
If you regard any of these documents as potentially exempt from the FOIA's disclosure requirements, I request that you nonetheless exercise your discretion to disclose them. As the FOIA requires, please release all reasonably segregable non exempt portions of documents. To permit me to reach an intelligent 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.

As a representative of the news media, the National Security Archive qualifies for "representative of the news 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. Please notify me before incurring in photocopying costs over \$100.

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 the identity of the records, their location, the scope of the

request or any other matters, please call me at (202) 994-7145. I look forward to receiving your response within the twenty day statutory time period.

Sincerely,



Joyce Battle