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Dear Mr. Smith:

This responds to your 19 September 2013 letter appealing our 28 August 2013 final response to your Freedom of Information Act request for records relating to uranium diversion from the Nuclear Materials and Equipment Corporation (NUMEC) to Israel.

The Agency Release Panel (ARP) considered your appeal and determined the material denied in its entirety is currently and properly classified and must continue to be protected from release on the basis of FOIA exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3). Exemption (b)(3) pertains to information exempt from disclosure by statute. The relevant statute is the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 U.S.C. § 403g, as amended, Section 6, which exempts from the disclosure requirement information pertaining to the organization and functions, including those related to the protection of intelligence sources and methods.

Therefore, in accordance with Agency regulations set forth in part 1900 of title 32 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the ARP denied your appeal on the basis of FOIA exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3). In accordance with the provisions of the FOIA, you have the right to seek judicial review of this determination in a United States district court. Alternatively, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) offers mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and federal agencies. Using services offered by OGIS does not affect your right to pursue litigation. For more information, including how to contact OGIS, please consult its website, http://ogis/archives.gov.

Sincerely,

Michele Meeks
Executive Secretary

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