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| Reference: | F-2005-00197 |
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On 22 March 2006 we sent you a letter citing F-2004-00077 as the reference number for this appeal. The correct reference number is noted above. Please accept our apology for any confusion this might have caused. As such, this responds to your 8 March 2006 letter appealing our 2 March 2006 response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for, "Office of Medical Services (OMS)/Oral History Program, Statement by John R. Tietjen, MD (Director, OMS, 1947-1974)."

Specifically, you appealed our determination to deny you access to this item in its entirety on the basis of Freedom of Information Act exemptions (b)(3) and (b)(5).

Your appeal has been accepted and arrangements will be made for its consideration by the appropriate members of the Agency Release Panel. You will be advised of the determinations made.

In order to afford requesters the most equitable treatment possible, we have adopted the policy of handling appeals on a first-received, first-out basis. At the present time, our workload consists of approximately 200 appeals awaiting completion. In view of this, some delay in our reply must be expected, but I can assure you that every reasonable effort will be made to complete a response as soon as possible.

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Information and Privacy Coordinator

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