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Dear Mr. Smith:

This acknowledges receipt of your 4 February 2011 fax in reference to your 13 May 2010 Freedom of Information Act request for records "related to uranium diversion from the Nuclear Materials and Equipment Corporation (NUMEC) to Israel."

We can appreciate your concern with not having received a final response to your request. Our response time is unfortunately predicated on the number and complexity of the requests we receive. Even when a request reaches the top of the queue, we must go through the time-consuming task of reviewing each and every document, assuming documents are in fact found. This process is necessary in order to fulfill the statutory obligation this agency has to protect intelligence sources and methods and other sensitive information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Viscuso", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Susan Viscuso  
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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