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This is in further response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of October 23, 2008, and supplements our electronic message of May 12, 2010.

Coordination has been completed with another element of our command and other government agencies and records returned to this office for our review and direct response to you. We have reviewed the records and determined the records are partially releaseable to you. A copy of the records are enclosed for your use.

We have completed a mandatory declassification review in accordance with Executive Order (EO) 13526. As a result of our review information has been sanitized and 4 pages have been withheld in their entirety as the information is currently and properly classified TOP SECRET, SECRET and CONFIDENTIAL according to Sections 1.2(a)(1), 1.2(a)(2), 1.2(a)(3) and 1.4(c) of EO 13526. This information is exempt from the public disclosure provisions of the FOIA pursuant to Title 5 U.S. Code 552 (b)(1). It is not possible to reasonably segregate meaningful portions of the withheld pages for release. The records are enclosed for your use. A brief explanation of the applicable sections follows:

Section 1.2(a)(1) of EO 13526, provides that information shall be classified TOP SECRET if its unauthorized disclosure reasonably could be expected to cause exceptionally grave damage to the national security.

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In addition, information has been sanitized from the records and 4 pages have been withheld in their entirety as the release of the information would reveal sensitive intelligence methods. This information is exempt from public disclosure pursuant to Title 5 U.S. Code 552 (b)(7)(E) of the FOIA. The significant and legitimate governmental purpose to be served by withholding is that a viable and effective intelligence investigative capability is dependent upon protection of sensitive investigative methodologies. It is not possible to reasonably segregate meaningful portions of the withheld pages for release.

The withholding of the information described above is a partial denial of your request. This denial is made on behalf of Major General Stephen G. Fogarty, the Commanding General, U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command, who is the Initial Denial Authority for Army intelligence investigative and security records under the FOIA. You have the right to appeal this decision to the Secretary of the Army. Your appeal must be postmarked no later than 60 calendar days from the date of this letter. After the 60-day period, the case may be considered closed; however, such closure does not preclude you from filing litigation in the courts. You should state the basis of your disagreement with the response and provide justification for a reconsideration of the denial. An appeal may not serve as a request for additional or new information. An appeal may only address information denied in this response. Your appeal is to be made to this office, for forwarding, as appropriate to the Secretary of the Army, Office of the General Counsel.

Coordination has been completed and we have been informed by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) that information is exempt from public disclosure pursuant to Title 5 U.S. Code 552 (b)(1) and (b)(3) of the FOIA.

The withholding of the information by the CIA constitutes a denial of your request and you have the right to appeal this decision to the Agency Release Panel within 45 days from the date of this letter. If you decide to file an appeal, it should be forwarded to this office and we will coordinate with the CIA on your behalf. Please cite CIA #F-2010-01292/Army #57F-09 assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

Coordination has been completed and we have been informed by the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) that their information is exempt from public disclosure pursuant to Title 5 U.S. Code § 552 (b)(1), (b)(2) (b)(3) and (b)(4) of the Freedom of Information Act and Executive Order (EO) 13,526 § 1.4 (c) (d) and (h). The statute invoked under Title 5 U.S. Code 552 (b)(3) is 10 U.S.C. §424, which allows for the protection of organizational and personnel information for DIA.

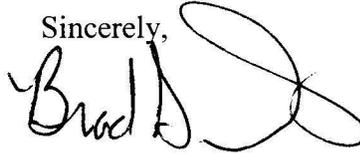
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You have received all Army intelligence investigative records pertaining to this request.

There are no assessable FOIA fees.

If you have any questions regarding this action, feel free to contact this office at 1-866-548-5651, or email the INSCOM FOIA office at: INSCOM_FOIA_ServiceCenter@mi.army.mil and refer to case #57F-09.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad S. Dorris". The signature is stylized with a large, looping flourish at the end.

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PREFACE

(U) This summary report assesses the chemical and biological warfare capabilities of Israel, Egypt, Iraq, Syria, Iran, Jordan, Lebanon, and Saudi Arabia. A detailed presentation and analysis of these capabilities may be found in the trend study DST-1600S-032-75-SUP 1, Chemical and Biological Warfare Capabilities--Middle East Countries (U) (~~SECRET NOFORN UNINTREL~~), as amended 10 August 1981. The study was prepared by the US Army Foreign Science and Technology Center, with contributions from the Defense Intelligence Agency, the Foreign Technology Division of the US Air Force Systems Command, the Naval Intelligence Support Center, and the US Army Medical Intelligence and Information Agency.

(U) Constructive criticisms, comments, or suggested changes are encouraged and should be forwarded to the Defense Intelligence Agency, Washington, DC 20301 (ATTN: DI).

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1. Introduction and Overview (U)

a. (U) This report summarizes the chemical and biological warfare (CBW) capabilities of Israel, Egypt, Iraq, Syria, Iran, Jordan, Lebanon, and Saudi Arabia. The countries are presented in the order of their relative CBW capabilities. Areas of concern include policy and doctrine, military organization, training, materiel, production potentials, research and development (R&D) activities, and trends and forecast.

b. (U) All of the Middle East countries except Jordan have signed and ratified or acceded to* the 1925 Geneva Protocol prohibiting the use of chemical warfare (CW) and biological warfare (BW) agents; all except Israel have signed the 1972 Convention on Biological Weapons, which bans the development, production, and stockpiling of BW weapons and toxins. Only Iran, Jordan, Lebanon, and Saudi Arabia, however, have ratified the convention, which went into effect 26 March 1975. Even though one or both of these international agreements have been accepted, violations in the Middle East would not be unexpected.

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* (U) Signing indicates an intention to accept an agreement. Ratification is the legal confirmation of an agreement by an original signatory. Accession is confirmation by a government that was not a signatory before the agreement went into effect.

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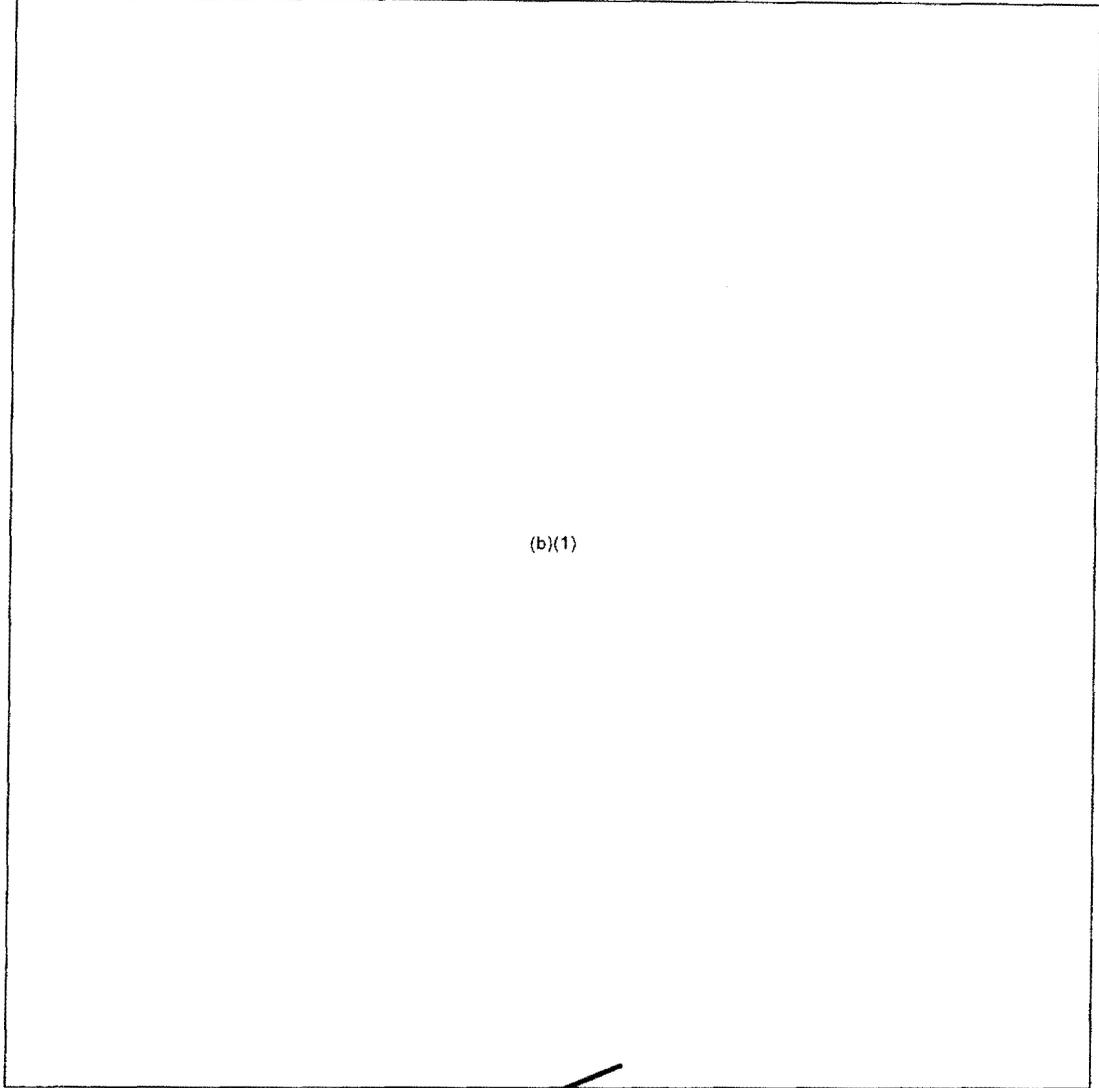
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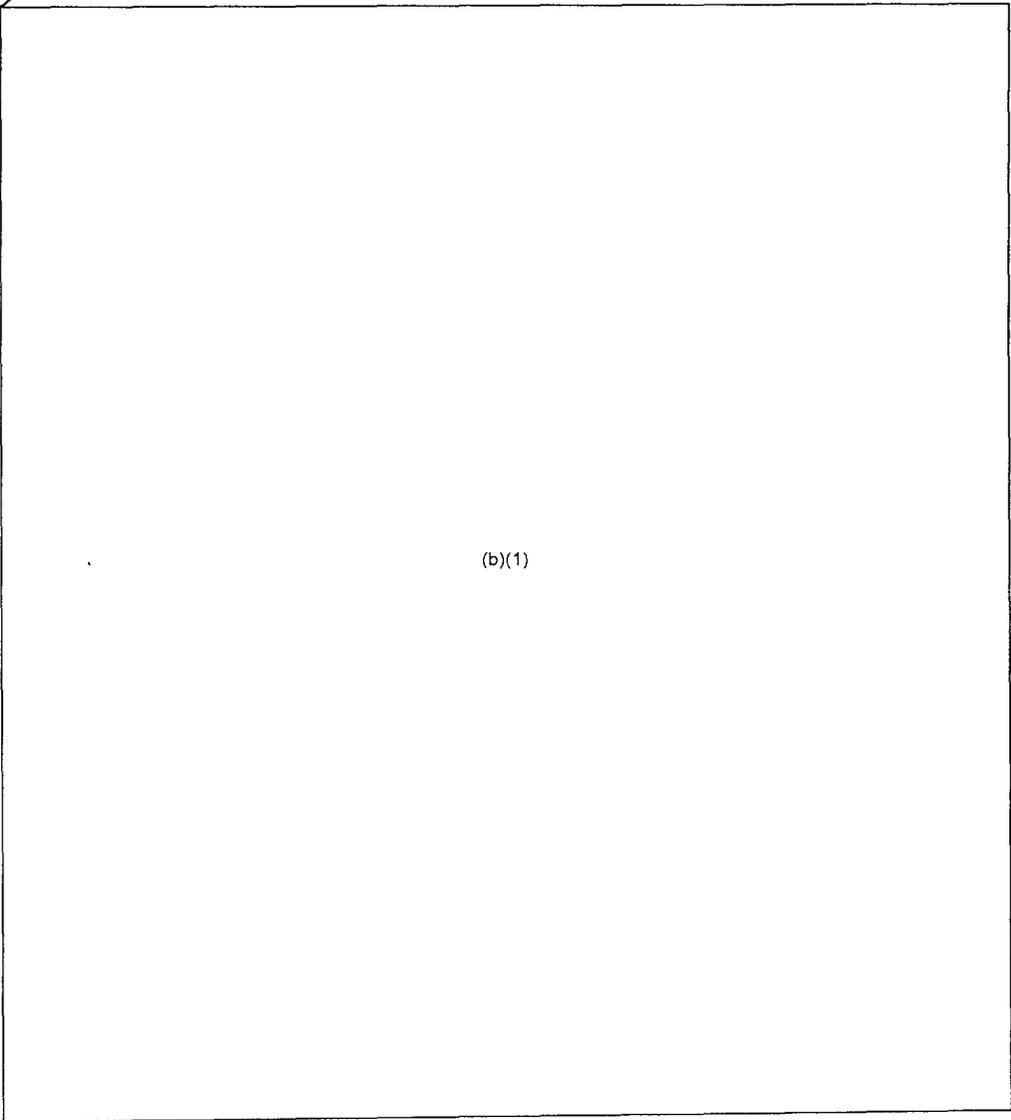
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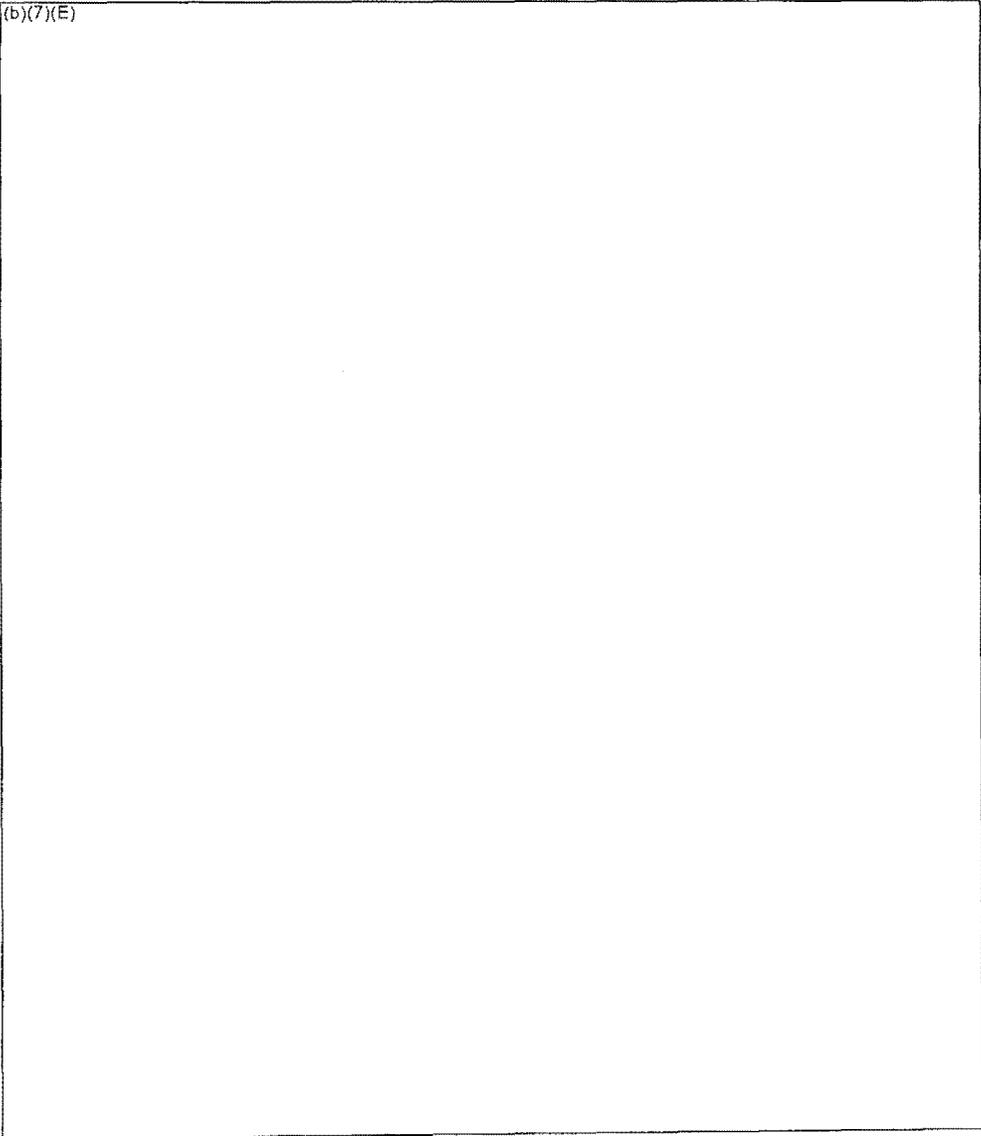
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