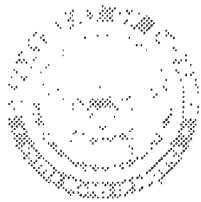


# **ENCLOSURE 3**



UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF  
ATTENTION: THE HONORARY POLYGRAPH  
MANIPULATION BOARD BASE, 11 GRIFFIN AVENUE

24 April 2009

Mr. Thomas S. Kim  
Reuters America Inc.  
The Reuters Building  
3 Times Square  
New York, NY 10036

Dear Mr. Kim,

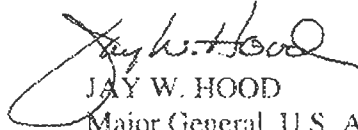
I am writing in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for all documents, reports, information, video and audio recordings relating to the deaths of Mr. Namir Noor-Eldeen and Mr. Saeed Chmagh, Reuters journalists.

USCENTCOM conducted a thorough search and located eight responsive documents. After reviewing the information, I have determined that three (Attack Mission Request, Mission Journal, and Story Board) documents are currently and properly classified in accordance with Executive Order 12958, as amended, sections 1.4(a), military plans, operations, or weapon systems; and 1.4(c), intelligence activities. Therefore, the national security information is withheld pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(1), classified information. Additional information identified in all eight documents is protected pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552 (b)(2)High, information regarding internal rules or practices; (b)(3), as it relates to 10 U.S.C. 130b, personnel in overseas, sensitive or routinely deployable units; (b)(5), inter-agency records; and (b)(6), protection of personal privacy. As such, I'm enclosing six partially released documents. The Mission Journal and Story Board documents are withheld in their entirety.

Accordingly, in my capacity as the Initial Denial Authority, by withholding this information I am partially denying your request. The cost for processing your request is \$352. Please make payment to U.S. Treasury Department and remit to USCENTCOM for processing. If you are not satisfied with this action, you may appeal to the appellate authority, the Director of Administration and Management, Office of the Secretary of Defense. To submit your appeal, you should write directly to the Defense Freedom of Information Policy Office, Attn: Mr. James Hogan, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington D.C. 20301-1155. Your appeal should be postmarked within 60 calendar days of the date of this letter, should cite case number 07-0240, and should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

If you have any questions regarding this FOIA request, please contact my FOIA Requester Service Center at (813) 827-1810 and refer to USCENTCOM FOIA 07-0240 when inquiring.

Sincerely,

  
JAY W. HOOD  
Major General, U.S. Army

Enclosures:

1. Action By Appointing Authority
2. Sworn Statements
3. Attack Mission Request
4. Photographs
5. 1st Air Cavalry Brigade AR 15-6 Investigation
6. 2nd Brigade Combat Team 15-6 Investigation
7. DD Form 2086. Record of FOIA Processing Cost