



Peace Corps

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Mr. J. William Leonard
Director
Information Security Oversight Office
National Archives and Records Administration
Washington, DC 20408

Dear Mr. Leonard:

This is in reference to the ISOO request concerning Guidance for Agency Declassification Plans, FY 2005. The Peace Corps does not now have original classification authority, nor has it had that authority for many years. Last year, however, Peace Corps was informed that approximately 50 cubic feet of permanently valuable Peace Corps records were located. A preliminary review of those records disclosed that some of them contained national security information.

By letter dated July 28, 2004, to Mr. Brian Dowling, Department of State Declassification Office, I granted permission to review these records on our behalf and delegated declassification authority to that organization. Since the Peace Corps has no specific protocol to address declassification, I requested that they apply their existing guidelines in the review and declassification process.

If further information is needed regarding this matter, please call David Dalton, Chief of Information and Personnel Safety and Security, at (202) 692-2559 or Joseph Jaffa, at 692-2554.

Sincerely,

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