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Mr. Steven Aftergood
Federation of American Scientists
1725 DeSales Street, NW 6th Floor
Washington, DC 20036:

Dear Mr. Aftergood:

I am writing to invite you to participate as a panelist at the July 22, 2010, public meeting on the status and treatment of historical formerly restricted data (FRD) sponsored by the Public Interest Declassification Board (the Board). The meeting will be held in the Congressional Meeting Room North of the Capitol Visitor Center. The Board was established by Congress to promote the fullest possible public access to a thorough, accurate, and reliable documentary record of significant U.S. national security decisions and activities. Appointed by Congressional leadership and the President, the Board's members have served in senior positions across the intelligence community, as well as in Congress and at universities.

In their 2007 Report, *Improving Declassification*, the Board recognized that the status and treatment of historically significant records containing FRD information deserves particular attention. The Board would like to facilitate a discussion on this important issue. We would welcome your contribution to this discussion.

The hearing will take place on July 22, 2010, between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. in the Congressional Meeting Room North of the Capitol Visitor Center. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. John Powers at 202-357-5407 or john.powers@nara.gov.

Sincerely,



WILLIAM J. BOSANKO
Executive Secretary

PUBLIC INTEREST DECLASSIFICATION BOARD MEETING

Thursday, July 22, 2010

LOCATION: Capitol Visitor Center (Congressional Meeting Room North)

Public Session

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| I. | Welcome
(Acting Chair and Executive Secretary) | 9:30 - 9:40 |
| II. | Introduction of New Director of the National Declassification Center
(Sheryl Shenberger, Director of the NDC) | 9:40-9:50 |
| III. | Discussion of RD/FRD Issues: The View from Outside
(Steven Aftergood, Federation of American Scientists; Dr. William Burr, National Security Archives; R. Stan Norris, Natural Resource Defense Council) | 9:50-10:50 |
| | Break | 10:50-11:00 |
| IV. | Discussion for RD/FRD Issues: A Conversation with the Agencies
(Dr. Andrew Weston-Dawkes, Director, Office of Classification, Department of Energy; Steve Henry, Deputy Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear Matters, Department of Defense; Ambassador Robert Miller, Department of State) | 11:00-12:00 |
| V. | Opportunity for Public Comment | 12:00-12:30 |
| V. | Break for Lunch | 12:30-1:30 |
| VI. | Declassification of Historical Congressional Records: Panel 1
(Harold Reylea (ret.), Congressional Research Service; Dr. David M. Barrett, Villanova University; Don Ritchie, Senate Historian) | 1:30-2:45 |
| | Break | 2:45-3:00 |
| VII. | Declassification of Historical Congressional Records: Panel 2
(Porter Goss, former chair of House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI); Michael Sheehy, former Staff Director of HPSCI) | 3:00-3:45 |
| VI. | Opportunity for Public Comment | 3:45-4:15 |