



## Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

December 30, 2014

Mr. Steven Aftergood  
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Federation of American Scientists  
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Washington, DC 20036

Dear Mr. Aftergood:

This letter formally responds to your email request dated May 27, 2014, for declassification of certain information classified under the Atomic Energy Act. You requested "that the Department of Energy (and the Department of Defense) authorize the categorical declassification of the size of the U.S. nuclear stockpile and the number of weapons dismantled annually as of the end of each fiscal year." Your request was forwarded to the Department of Defense for consideration by the Formerly Restricted Data Declassification Working Group (FRD DWG) on June 9, 2014.

As you know, on March 24, 2014, the Department of Defense and the Department of Energy jointly declassified the total size of the U.S. nuclear stockpile and the number of weapons dismantled for each year through September 30, 2013. Although you requested declassification of this same information for future years, the FRD DWG has determined that it cannot agree to your request at this time and that any public request for stockpile and dismantlement numbers beyond September 30, 2013, should be made as a separate declassification request for the prior fiscal year completed in accordance with the provisions contained in 10 Code of Federal Regulations 1045. Public requests for this information will not be considered for future out years.

My staff contact on this matter is Mr. Richard J. Lyons. He may be reached at (301) 903-6936 or [richard.lyons@hq.doe.gov](mailto:richard.lyons@hq.doe.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew P. Weston-Dawkes".

Andrew P. Weston-Dawkes  
Director  
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