



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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Mr. Steven Aftergood
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Federation of American Scientists
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Dear Mr. Aftergood:

This letter formally responds to your email request dated March 3, 2021, 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 declassification of the size of the U.S. nuclear stockpile and the number of weapons dismantled as of the end of Fiscal Year 2020." Your request was forwarded to the Department of Defense (DoD) for consideration by the Formerly Restricted Data Working Group on March 4, 2021.

Subsequently, at the behest of the National Security Council Deputies Committee on Nonproliferation and Arms Control on June 9, 2021 and determined through the follow-on Interagency Policy Committee on June 23, 2021, the DoD was requested to declassify the nuclear weapon stockpile and dismantlement quantities through fiscal year 2020. As a result, the information was declassified jointly by the DoD and Department of Energy on October 4, 2021 (see table below).

| Year | Weapons | Weapons Dismantled |
|-------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| 2018 | 3,785 | 243 |
| 2019 | 3,805 | 284 |
| 2020 | 3,750 | 184 |

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.

Sincerely,

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