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Dear Mr. Aftergood,

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act request, where you sought to obtain:

(a) Any records that indicate the national security information classification categories, or classification guides, if any, that have been modified or withdrawn in response to the Fundamental Classification Guidance Review, to date.

(b) Any records that document USPACOM's efforts to obtain a broad range of perspectives in the conduct of the Review, and to otherwise implement the required Review.

(c) Copies of any records that document the response of USPACOM to the Fundamental Classification Guidance Review, to date.

The Fundamental Classification Guidance Review was a Department of Energy led task that was to carry out a comprehensive fundamental review of the Department of Energy's Classification Policy. The plan was to include some experts from the Department of Defense, but the majority of the technical and policy experts conducting the Review were going to be from the Department of Energy's nuclear weapons complex. As such, the United States Pacific Command was never tasked to review the Department of Energy's Classification Guidance. For this reason, our search for documents responsive to your request resulted in "No records found." In our search, we attempted to locate records in the offices of our Intelligence Directorate (J2), and our Headquarters Security Office (J02HQ). We recommend you submit your Freedom of Information Act request directly to the Department of Energy. You may do so by submitting your request to DOE online at: http://www.management.energy.gov/FOIA/foia_request_form.htm

There are no fees assessed to your request.
Because your request has been denied, you have the right to file an administrative appeal. Such an appeal should be sent to Mr. James Hogan, Chief, Defense Freedom of Information Policy Office, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1155, within 60 days from the date of this letter. Both the letter of appeal and the envelope should bear the notation "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

For any questions concerning the administrative processing of this request, you may contact me at (808) 477-0995, write to HQ USPACOM, J151/FOIA, Box 64028, Camp H. M. Smith, Hawaii 96861-4028, or email: Pacom.Foia.Fct@pacom.mil

Sincerely,

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