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Sent: Wednesday, October 13, 2004 9:49 AM
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Cc: [redacted] (b)(3)
Subject: signature redaction --- UNCLASSIFIED//~~FOUO~~
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Cargill, As you and [redacted] suggested, I called OSD declassification [redacted] to find out the classification of OSD signatures. [redacted] told me:

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- They do not redact; they either release in full or retain as classified.
- They do not withhold release on the basis of signatures. They do not consider signatures to be classified.

- He asked me to explain our rationale for withholding signatures and I explained that it related to a concern about document forgeries. He volunteered that he thought this concern a little "far-fetched". (Apparently, he had not heard about Bush's apparently falsified national guard -related records.)

Based on this, I will in the future assure that signatures of non-NRO OSD officials are not redacted. As I told you this AM, the CIA Redactor's guide requires redaction of all signatures of CIA personnel, regardless of whether or not the name is releasable. I have not looked into the signature releasability policies of other agencies.

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