



## DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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Mr. Danny B. Stillman

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Dear Mr. Stillman:

On 30 May, I received a phone call from (b)(6) inquiring about the status of the review of your manuscript and requesting information about the "appeal process." He indicated his feeling that the length of time it has taken to complete the review is tantamount to a denial of publication. I informed (b)(6) that I would contact you directly regarding the status of the review of your manuscript, "Inside China's Nuclear Weapons Program."

The review of your manuscript is ongoing. While the length of time it has taken may seem excessive, one must bear in mind that your manuscript is lengthy, highly technical in nature, and discusses some very sensitive issues. Further, as we have pressed on with our review, we have discovered that the manuscript's content involves the equities of several organizations other than the Defense Intelligence Agency. DIA has been obligated to submit it to each of those for their review, as well.

Initial review by officials within the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) identified a number of concerns resulting in a complete objection to publication of the manuscript. However, DIA's review involves a line-by-line assessment of the material in order to alleviate OSD concerns and to permit publication of as much information as possible.

At this point, I can advise you that we do judge that some information in your manuscript if disclosed would cause damage to U.S. intelligence operations and U.S. national security. Thus, we request that you take steps to appropriately protect information in the manuscript until we are able to complete our review.

I am unable to offer a specific anticipated date for completion of the review, but significant progress is being made.

If you have additional questions regarding the status of the review of your manuscript, you may forward them to the Defense Intelligence Agency, Attn: Chief, Public Affairs Office (PO-PA), Washington, D.C. 20301.

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