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Dear Mr. Hodes:

I refer to our letter dated June 27, 2008, and your letter dated July 16, 2008, regarding the release of additional material responsive to the FOIA requests at issue in ACCG et al. v. U.S. Department of State, No. 07-CV-2074 (D.D.C.). As discussed in our June 27 letter, we have undertaken a thorough reexamination of our searches. This reexamination has now been completed and has resulted in the retrieval of 39 additional responsive documents: one is responsive to request number 200706194, and the rest to request number 200704168.

After reviewing these documents, we have determined that fourteen may be released in full, eleven may be released with excisions and fourteen must be withheld in full. All released material is enclosed and is marked with the case number of the FOIA request to which it is responsive.

An enclosure provides information on Freedom of Information Act exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made excisions, the applicable exemptions are marked on each document. Of the documents withheld in full, three were withheld under exemption (b)(5) and eleven under exemption (b)(1), with reference to section 1.4(b) of Executive Order 12958, as amended.

After receiving permission from the Government of the Republic of Cyprus, we have determined that the majority of document AE1 in case number 200706194 may be released. The released portions of this document consist of

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a catalogue of coins provided by the Government of the Republic of Cyprus. An earlier draft version of this catalogue, which we had previously withheld as document E51 in this same case, also may now be declassified and released, and accordingly we enclose a new copy here.

Three of the enclosed records, emails from Theodore Rogers that we have numbered CE1 through CE3, are responsive to item 5 of your clients request dated July 25, 2007 (request number 200704168). We note that the attachments to these emails were the two letters released together as document E11 under our June 27th cover letter.

The Department has now concluded all of its searches and processing in response to all of the FOIA requests at issue in this lawsuit. Our searches, which we have undertaken voluntarily pursuant to your informal requests without regard to the action you have filed in the district court, have encompassed all of the Department's paper and electronic records systems with a reasonable likelihood of retaining responsive information. In response to the concerns cited in your July 16 letter, we note that this processing has included proper searches of the email records of Maria Kouroupas and her staff, and we have confirmed that there is no reasonable likelihood that additional responsive documents (including any involving the Cyprus American Archaeological Research Institute) would be located through additional searching.

Since billable costs of this additional processing do not exceed the cost of collecting and processing a fee payment, this additional processing has been completed without charge to you.

In light of this new information, we look forward to learning from you whether we might reach a cooperative resolution of any of the outstanding issues without resorting to litigating the complaint your clients have filed in district

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court. If you have any concerns about anything discussed in this letter, please contact Assistant U.S. Attorney Brian Hudak at (202) 514-7143 or brian.hudak@usdoj.gov.

Sincerely,

Franke Tummine for Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures:

As stated.