February 26, 1999

Dept. of Army
Chief, FOIA Division
USAIFC - P(ASQNS-OP-F)
Crystal Square II, Suite 201
1725 Jefferson Davis Parkway
Arlington, VA 22202

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