

Department of Energy Washington, DC 20585

December 13, 2019

Mr. Steven Aftergood Project on Government Secrecy Federation of American Scientists 1725 DeSales Street NW, Suite 600 Washington, DC 20036

Dear Mr. Aftergood:

This letter formally responds to your email request dated October 1, 2019, for declassification of certain information classified under the Atomic Energy Act. You requested "... that the Department of Energy (and the Department of Defense) authorize declassification of the size of the total U.S. nuclear stockpile and the number of weapons dismantled as of the end of fiscal year 2019." Your request was forwarded to the Department of Defense for consideration by the Formerly Restricted Data Declassification Working Group (FRD DWG) on October 11, 2019.

After careful consideration by the FRD DWG, it was determined that the information requested cannot be declassified at this time. Your request was denied on November 25, 2019.

Sincerely,

Andrew P. Weston-Dawkes Director Office of Classification Office of Environment, Health, Safety and Security

