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William J. Bosanko, Executive Secretary  
Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel  
The National Archives Building  
700 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Room 100  
Washington, DC 20408

RE: Appeal to ISCAP for Declassification and full release of ITC/USTR report "Probable Economic Effect of Providing Duty Free Treatment for U.S. Imports from Israel"

Dear William J. Bosanko,

**The Institute for Research: Middle Eastern Policy, Inc. appeals denial of Mandatory Declassification Review release of the above referenced report to the Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel.**

Under Article VIII of the ISCAP bylaws (32 CFR Part 2001, Appendix A), an individual may only appeal to the ISCAP if s/he has "(a) received a final agency decision denying his or her request; or (b) not received (i) an initial decision on the request for mandatory declassification review from the agency within one year of its filing, or (ii) a final decision on an internal agency appeal within 180 days of the filing of the appeal." On May 14, 2010 IRmep received a MDR denial from USTR for the report (enclosed). On June 22, 2010 the USTR Director of Security denied our final appeal (enclosed).

As detailed in previous FOIA correspondence, we believe this document should be released because:

1. It is more than 25 years old.
2. The US Department of Justice in a related criminal investigation confirmed it contains no NDI.
3. The parties from which it was originally to be kept obtained, duplicated and circulated it in 1984.
4. Interested US economic stakeholders have never been able to examine the report to evaluate America's first free trade agreement.
5. The report was the subject of an espionage and Theft of Gov't Property investigation by the FBI that is of public interest.
6. The report will reveal important information about how government functions.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I am enclosing the full FOIA record to aid in your release process. We hope to obtain this report as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Grant F. Smith  
Director of Research