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Delores M. Nelson
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Re: Request under the FOIA, In reply refer to Archive# 20090597CIA076

Dear Ms. Nelson:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), I hereby request the following:

All records – including but not limited to cables, intelligence reports, memoranda, letters, talking points, briefing papers, summaries, biographical sketches, transcripts, memoranda of conversation and electronic mail messages – pertaining in whole or in part to Ali Osman Taha (alternate spellings: Ali Uthman Taha or Ali Othman Taha), Vice President of Sudan.

If you regard any of these documents as potentially exempt from the FOIA's disclosure requirements, I request that you nonetheless exercise your discretion to disclose them. As you may know, President Barack Obama has called upon all agencies to "adopt a presumption in favor of disclosure, in order to renew their commitment to the principles embodied in FOIA, and to usher in a new era of open Government." As the FOIA requires, please release all reasonably segregable, nonexempt portions of documents. To permit me to reach an intelligent and informed decision whether or not to file an administrative appeal of any denied material, please describe any withheld records (or portions thereof) and explain the basis for your exemption claims.

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To expedite the release of the requested documents, please disclose them on an interim basis as they become available to you, without waiting until all the documents have been processed. Please notify me before incurring any photocopying costs over \$100. If you have any questions regarding the identity of the records, their location, the scope of the request or any other matters, please call me at (202) 994-7000 or email me at foiamail@gwu.edu. I look forward to receiving your response within the twenty-day statutory time period.

Sincerely yours,

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