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Freedom of Information Act Officer U.S. Army Training Support Center 1321A Lee Boulevard Fort Eustis, VA 23604-5079

Dear Sir/Madam:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

We request a softcopy of all unclassified, publicly releasable contents of the Reimer Digital Library (RDL).

We have been regular users of RDL for several years, and so we were disappointed to discover last week that the Library had been moved behind the Army Knowledge Online firewall and that public access had been blocked.

We hope to restore public access to the RDL by obtaining all of its publicly releasable contents and posting that material on our own website (at www.fas.org).

Furthermore, in order to preserve the status quo, we expect to file regular FOIA requests for updates to the RDL two or three times a month, so that we may add them to our mirror site.

Alternatively, if the Army were to restore the prior level of public access to the RDL, that would fulfill this request and make future requests unnecessary.

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We further request a fee waiver of production costs, on the following grounds:

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2) This resource has been removed from the public domain.

3) The Federation of American Scientists (FAS) is well qualified to analyze and disseminate the requested material. FAS is a sixty-three year old research organization concerned with national security policy and related issues, that is often called upon for information and comment on intelligence policy. Our website at <u>www.fas.org</u> is utilized by approximately 90,000 distinct users on a typical weekday.

4) No personal or commercial interests will benefit from the release of this material, which will be published at on the FAS website at our expense and made publicly available without charge. We therefore request a waiver on production costs.

We therefore request a waiver of production costs. If fee waiver is denied, I hereby agree to pay assessable fees up to \$100, while reserving the right to appeal the denial.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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