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Mark A. Bradley, Chairman  
Department Review Committee  
US Department of Justice  
Department Review Committee 950 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, DC 20530

**RE: MDR Appeal #12-004: 1993 DOJ order quashing FBI investigation of Weizmann Institute espionage, clandestine nuclear weapons program fundraising in the United States.**

Dear Mark A. Bradley,

This is an appeal for uncensored public release of the above-referenced file under mandatory declassification review (MDR) under the terms of Section 3.5 of Executive Order 13526. Information already released by the FBI and Department of Defense reveal that the Weizmann Institute and its U.S. fundraising arm engage in illicit intelligence gathering and fundraising for a clandestine foreign nuclear weapons program. **This illegal activity has not been regulated by DOJ or the IRS.**

It is critically important that American citizens ***understand why*** the Justice Department *quashed a warranted criminal investigation by the FBI* which revealed multiple prosecutable offenses. Now DOJ claims to have both “declassified” the contents of its order, but sought to protect the entities involved by withholding 100% of its memo ordering the shut-down of the FBI investigation. This is unacceptable.

We strongly believe this “declassification without release” to be an attempt to block our right to appeal for public release to the ISCAP committee. ISCAP’s outside review process has a record of denying improper retention. **This is most disturbing because denial serves to only to protect the DOJ’s prerogative to apply U.S. laws in a highly political and arbitrary way.** The Weizmann Institute and its U.S. fundraising branch are publicly known to be engaged in illicit activities that—to the public—appear to transcend the authority of the Justice Department and other enforcement agencies.

**The purpose of our MDR request is to review the official justifications for this immunity.** The same immunity has been applied to Haganah-era conventional weapons smugglers (1940s), nuclear materials and technology smugglers (1960s-2010), and unregistered foreign agents engaged in national defense and economic-related espionage, lobbying and election fraud (1948-present). Although the documentary evidence of crime is on the public record, ***the architecture of institutionalized forbearance is not.*** The core purpose of FOIA and MDR is to help Americans better understand the functions of government. The DOJ’s tactic of “declassifying” but denying release of this memo is specious in denying Americans the chance to review how government functions (or in this case malfunctions). IRmep intends to appeal any future denial to the ISCAP and OGIS and ignore claims that such information was in any way “declassified” as interpreted in the MDR.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Grant F. Smith', written over a horizontal line.

Grant F. Smith  
Director of Research

cc: President Obama, AG Eric Holder, ISCAP chair, OGIS  
Enclosure: August 21, 2012 MDR “declassification”