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Honorable Richard E. Russell, Chairman
Senate Armed Services Committee
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Russell:

Having in mind the convening of the 86th Congress in the near future, I would like to bring to your attention several thoughts concerning Agency appearances before the CIA Subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee. As in the past, I shall continue to make myself available to respond to the wishes of the Chairman and the Subcommittee members.

Very early in the coming session, possibly in January, I would like to appear before the Subcommittee to present a briefing which will deal in considerable detail with the Agency's activities, operations, and some of its accomplishments. It is expected that this briefing would last no more than two hours. I suggest that we be permitted to conduct this briefing reserving questions until its completion, at which time I and other members of my staff would be glad to respond to questions.

At the end of this presentation or at another meeting, I would be glad to furnish an intelligence briefing concerning recent events and a general status report. However, it is my belief that a briefing on the Agency itself is highly desirable to enable the Subcommittee members more effectively to judge the progress of the Agency. The scope and content of such a briefing have been discussed with Mr. William Barden.

Since three of the five members of the CIA Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee are also members of the CIA Subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee, I suggest for your consideration a joint meeting of the two Subcommittees for the briefing on Agency activities. Consequently, a joint meeting would involve only two additional Senators. In the meantime, if there is any way the Agency can be of assistance to the Subcommittee, please let us know.

Sincerely,



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