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The Honorable William S. Moorhead, Chairman  
Foreign Operations and Government  
Information Subcommittee  
House Committee on Government Operations  
Washington, D. C. 20515

My dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in reply to your letter of 26 October 1971 requesting information as to the degree of public participation in formal meetings and hearings conducted within the Executive Branch.

The function of the Central Intelligence Agency as set forth in the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, 50 U. S. C. 402, 403, is confined to the field of collection and production of foreign intelligence in support of the formulation of national policy. It is not an administrative agency and has no rule-making authority. Consequently, it conducts no formal meetings or hearings of the type referred to in your letter. Furthermore, it is exempted by section 6 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, as amended, 50 U. S. C. 403(g), from the provisions of any laws which require the publication or disclosure of its organization or functions.

We have no information, therefore, to furnish in response to your questionnaire.

Sincerely,

**SIGNED**

Richard Helms  
Director

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