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Mr. E. R. Saunders, Comptroller  
Central Intelligence Agency  
2430 E Street, N. W.  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Saunders:

25X1A The Bureau of Mines has experienced a substantial reduction in funds for its petroleum economics work this year which will affect adversely our performance in the NIS program. The working funds heretofore requested by the Bureau have not included all costs of various miscellaneous items and some regular services of the Bureau that contribute to the project. These contributions must now be curtailed because of the shortage of financial support from other sources. The petroleum program for NIS is working efficiently and on schedule and the Bureau would regret very much any reduction in the present tempo. Nevertheless such action is inevitable unless extra funds can be obtained. It is estimated that an additional [REDACTED] or approximately 15 percent of the current allotment for petroleum will be required to keep the work on schedule this fiscal year.

We understand that you have funds that can be made available for the purpose indicated above. In view of the urgency of the situation, the Bureau of Mines recommends that CIA authorize the transfer of the necessary additional funds as soon as possible.

Your cooperation in this matter will be appreciated very much.

Sincerely yours,

/s/  
W. C. SCHROEDER  
Acting Director