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Mr. E. H. Knoche
Office of the Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Knoche:

This is a somewhat belated reply to your letter of October 4, which was brought to me by an agency representative. We are much pleased by the decision to declassify the fact that a contractual relationship exists between the Agency and the University for certain research services. We note the substance of the response which should be made from the University if questioned about the relationship or about this particular project. It is indeed almost identical with the reply we make when asked about classified projects supported by one of the defense agencies, of which there are currently 87.

It would be my suggestion, however, that we do not now go back and revise the present contract, because there are only a few months to run, and to revise it does to a degree spotlight it. Instead, when the matter of renewal or extension arises, we would proceed to handle it according to established procedures for classified contracts. In the meantime, and on current project and sponsor listings, no change would be made. We will review with you the text of any written reference to the contract prior to publication of that reference, though I do not anticipate any such specific reference other than the listing of an agreed unclassified title and the name of the sponsor.

Yours sincerely,

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