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The Honorable Richard B. Russell
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

You will recall that I recently discussed with you legislation relating to the Central Intelligence Agency which was pending in the House of Representatives. The bill, H.R. 16306, was passed by the House on 3 October 1966.

The most important aspect of the bill is to bring the Central Intelligence Agency retirement system into consonance with Government-wide retirement concepts. One of the more important features is a provision similar to legislation passed during the 89th Congress. That legislation, affecting the Civil Service and Military retirement systems, provided a new and uniform formula for calculating cost-of-living adjustments. Legislation is pending to bring the Foreign Service retirement system into conformity in this regard.

There are a number of other technical amendments to our travel and other administrative authorities. Some of these have been pending for several years. For example, the bill would permit the Agency to compensate consultants at a rate of \$100 per day in lieu of the current limitation of \$50 per day.

I am fully aware of the busy schedule of the Senate Armed Services Committee and the Senate generally, but I do believe that this legislation is important and would assist greatly in the administration and management of our personnel programs. I would sincerely appreciate your assistance on this matter.

Respectfully,

/s/ Richard Helms

Richard Helms
Director

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