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1 February 1964

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Secretary McNamara has asked me for my views in writing as to why I am firmly opposed to the surfacing of OXCART at this time.

I am making these views available to Secretary McNamara as soon as they can be assembled later on this morning, and a copy will be furnished you.

However, I urge most strongly that no decision be taken until you have had an opportunity to discuss this matter personally with Mr. McCone, Mr. Bundy, and the Secretaries of State and Defense. Mr. McCone will be returning this evening, and will be available to discuss this extremely important matter whenever you so direct. In the meantime, if a situation arises requiring emergency consideration of this subject, I would hope to have an opportunity to present the position of the Central Intelligence Agency and my own as Acting Director to you in concert with Secretary Rusk and Secretary McNamara as was done on 29 November 1963 by Mr. McCone.

With great respect,

Faithfully yours,

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Marshall S. Carter  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Acting Director

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