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The Director  
Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D.C. 20505

*transmit orally*

Honorable Daniel K. Inouye, Chairman  
Select Committee on Intelligence  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In response to your request to provide an assessment of foreign efforts to exert improper influence on the formation of our national policy in the manner employed by the Government [redacted] we have conducted an extensive search of the files of all geographical components of the Directorate of Operations. Although much of the material has been available to Mr. Mike Epstein of your staff for some time, I wanted to reply to you for the record.

With the exception of [redacted] which are still under review, we have discovered no indication of unethical or illegal attempts to exert influence on the formation of U.S. foreign policy. There is evidence of public relations activity pursued in the United States by [redacted] [redacted] but such activity appears to be without exception overt, and to employ entirely legal methods.

We will inform you of the results of our continuing investigations of the activities of [redacted] [redacted] as soon as they are completed. My staff has also communicated your request to other members of the Intelligence Community, who will respond directly to Mr. Epstein.

Please note, however, that activities in the U.S. of foreign governments fall under the jurisdiction of the FBI, and our own file holdings should not be considered to be definitive.

Yours sincerely,

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