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Edwin A. Locke, Jr., President

December 9, 1977

Admiral Stansfield Turner, USN
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Admiral Turner,

Your fine speech to The Economic Club has created a great deal of enthusiasm among our members. They liked the directness and balance of what you said and went away, I know, reassured that our nation's intelligence effort was in good hands and that the right kind of careful evolution toward a responsibly more open operation was taking place. You certainly handled the questions exceedingly well, too. We were greatly honored to have had you with us and greatly impressed by what you are accomplishing. Thank you very much for coming.

Most sincerely,

E. Locke, Jr.

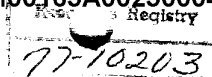
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Dear Mr. Locke,

Thank you for your letters of October 26th and November 11th, and for soliciting from your members suggested topics for me to cover in my talk. Their suggestions will be most useful and I will try to address as many of them as I can during my talk.

I'm sure, however, that Leo Cherne and George Malone will pick up any loose ends during the question and answer period should I be remiss in touching on some topics of interest. In any event, I'm certainly looking forward to meeting with your distinguished group.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Stansfield Turner".

STANSFIELD TURNER

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522 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10036 • 687-4660 Edwin A. Locke, Jr., President

October 26, 1977

Admiral Stansfield Turner, USN
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Admiral Turner,

In an effort to determine what may be the particular areas of interest of your audience at the December 7th dinner, I have asked our members to suggest questions they would like to see covered in your speech or in the question period afterward.

There has been a good response, and I have listed some representative questions on the attached sheet. As you can see, the emphasis is more on the CIA's secrecy problems rather than on the economic prospects of the Communist world which I believe will be the main topic of your speech. However, without meaning to infringe in any way on your complete freedom of choice, I feel your comments on the Communist economies might be an example of more openness bringing more information to more people without compromising your sources of intelligence.

Be all this as it may, we are looking forward tremendously to having you with us on December 7th. If any more interesting questions come in from our members, I shall send them right along to you.

Most sincerely,

E. A. Locke, Jr.

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QUESTIONS FOR ADMIRAL TURNER

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1. Describe the way intelligence gathering is organized in and out of the military in major Western countries. Are these units controlled by the executive and legislative components of government?
2. What changes have taken place in the last 30 years as to purpose for and methods of obtaining intelligence information for interpretation by various agencies?
3. Under the present U.S. atmosphere of "disclose everything", including details of CIA expenditures, can we hope for an effective CIA? Are we just wasting money?
4. To what extent does the country need, or can it afford, to duplicate intelligence activities as a form of "checks and balances"?
5. To what extent have the pressures on our intelligence services impaired their abilities to find out what our government ought to know?
6. Why should we disclose our efforts? Is this brilliant or smart?
7. How does the CIA propose to operate in the future so that its secret and confidential operations can be conducted with approval by a body of directors that are credible to the Senate?
8. How much secrecy is necessary for the intelligence system of a free society and how can this be protected?
9. Will you comment on what kind and extent of limitations on openness are proper and how it's going to be sold in newspapers?
10. In dealing with armaments vs. consumption, are the Soviets currently placing more of their yearly increases in production into armaments than 5 or 10 years ago?
11. Can the Soviets continue to build and expand their Navy operations at a higher rate than we can?
12. What is the significance for the economics (and populations) of Warsaw Pact nations of their relatively heavy burden of military expenditures in recent years?
13. As the Soviets and the Chinese seek to penetrate the Third World, are the foreign economic aid ventures a significant drain on either the Soviet or the Chinese economy?

See to Adm. Turner picture

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Edwin A. Locke, Jr., President

November 11, 1977

Admiral Stansfield Turner, USN
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Admiral Turner,

Further to my letter of October 26, 1977 I have received a few more questions from our members and am passing them along to you on the attached.

We are keeping in close touch with your staff on arrangements for the December 7th dinner. We are anxious to do everything we can to make the occasion easy for you, pleasant and effective. It will be great to have you with us.

Most sincerely,

E. Locke, Jr.

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*Your two questioners will be Lea
Cherne and George Malone, Deputy
Director of the Editorial Page of
the Wall St. Journal.*

1. What impact do you expect, on the effectiveness of U.S. intelligence, from the sentencing of Dick Helms and the inability of the government to protect the identity of covert intelligence personnel? Are the prevailing attitudes of American society regarding government and intelligence operations compatible with an effective international intelligence operation?
2. What is the outlook for terrorist activities, e.g., hijacking, as it will affect major European countries and, in particular, U.S. businesses operating in those countries?
3. What might be done to stem terrorism, particularly air piracy?
4. How could the CIA have been so far off in its predictions of this year's grain harvest in Russia?

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