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Hon. Walter F. Mondale
Office of the Vice President
The White House
Washington, DC 20501

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Dear Mr. Vice President:

I am very concerned about the activities of the CIA on American college campuses and am writing you because of your own personal familiarity with this problem.

In April 1976, the Select Committee to Study Governmental Operations with respect to Intelligence Activities (hereafter, 'the Senate Committee') issued its Final Report on the activities of the U.S. intelligence agencies. In that Report, you joined with Senators Philip Hart and Gary Hart in submitting a very important set of "Additional Views" (Book I, pp. 567-69), condemning the excessive editing and censorship of the Report at the request of the executive agencies. Specifically, on page 568 you state:

The discussion of the role of U.S. academics in the CIA's clandestine activities has been so diluted that its scope and impact on the American academic institutions is no longer clear. The description of the CIA's clandestine activities within the United States, as well as the extent to which CIA uses its ostensibly overt Domestic Contact Division for such activities, has been modified to the point where the Committee's concern about the CIA's blurring of the line between overt and covert, foreign and domestic activities, has been lost.

Things have changed now. We now have a new administration and a new CIA Director, both committed to greater public control of the intelligence community. Also, with all the revelations about secret CIA mind control testing on college campuses and other CIA abuse of the academic community, there is a stronger sense of urgency now on the question of full disclosure. Indeed, your administration has taken important steps in this direction by recently releasing over 90,000 pages of FBI documents on the COINTELPRO program and JFK Assassination investigation.

And so, it is also time for the public release of the complete, unabridged version of the Senate Committee Report on CIA clandestine activities in this country, and in the academic community in particular.

As Vice President of the U.S., President of the Senate, member of the National Security Council as well as former member of the Senate Committee, you are in a unique position to initiate this release, and I strongly urge you to do so.

Sincerely yours,

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