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JAMES R. CALLOWAY
CHIEF COUNSEL AND STAFF DIRECTOR

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

Dear Admiral Turner:

I am aware of the extensive reduction in force being implemented in your agency, and I believe I know the reasons therefor. However, it has come to my attention that [redacted], employed in the Operational Department of the CIA, is included in that reduction. I understand that [redacted] possesses unique background and experience for the job which he has been doing in the Counter-Intelligence field (mainly against Soviet Intelligence). As to the quality of his performance, please note the enclosed copy of his supervisor's statement.

Furthermore, [redacted] whose termination is scheduled for March, has only 9 months remaining until he could retire from government service in accordance with his individual plan. Having been employed by the CIA since 1948, with a good record, he would appear to be deserving of an extension of service through those 9 months.

I would personally appreciate your review of this particular RIF notice and a reply when you have had the opportunity to do so.

With kind regards.

Sincerely yours,
Robert C. Byrd
Robert C. Byrd
U. S. Senator

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Enclosure

January 1978

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

25X1 [redacted] served in the Agency component for
which I am responsible for three years. His service was in
25X1 the capacity of project manager or branch supervisor. Mr.
[redacted] discharged both of these assignments in an exemplary
manner.

As the manager of a highly sensitive substantive project
involving important foreign activities, [redacted] achieved re- 25X1
sults unmatched in the 25 previous years of the life of this
project. I attribute this to his perceptive and retentive
mind and his capability to relate events, extract their es-
sential characteristics, and synthesize a research and
analysis program to achieve maximum exploitation of available
data. Throughout his time on this project, indeed through
the period of our collaboration, he has demonstrated
exceptionally good judgment and discretion. In fact, this
project was conducted quite independently by [redacted] without 25X1
my ever finding fault or having to intervene in his actions
or directions to other agencies or governments which were
involved. His handling of this project inspired the admira-
tion and respect of these individuals and entities just as
it did my own.

25X1 The competence and talents manifested in this project
also were applied by [redacted] in his period of service as
the chief of a branch responsible for inter-agency coordina-
tion and production of a series of national intelligence
studies. His ability to assess the capabilities of people
and enlist them productively in the preparation of these
studies not only resulted in timely and dependable products,
but eventually led to establishment of a production system
which was practically automatic and required only moderate
quality control. He has been a dependable and serious
officer with considerable versatility and flexibility during
a period of time when these qualities were at a premium.
His good-natured acceptance of difficult personnel and
work situations has constituted a special contribution to
the programs and projects which I have initiated or been
required by unusual circumstances to undertake. His advice
and suggestions have always been sound and their ramifica-
tions thoroughly considered. His talents and abilities as
I view them are recorded throughout his personnel file.



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