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Honorable David A. Stockman, Director
Office of Management and Budget
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Dear Mr. Stockman:

This is in response to a request from your Office for the views of the Central Intelligence Agency on Enrolled Bill S. 907, which will provide federal criminal penalties for violent attacks on Cabinet officers, Supreme Court Justices, and Presidential staff members. We recommend that the President approve this legislation.

Events of the past several years have demonstrated a clear need for this measure. The Federal Government has a compelling interest in assuring the physical safety of its senior officers to prevent disruption of essential government functions. The legislation will contribute to deterrence of violence directed at heads of executive departments and their deputies, the Director and Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, the Justices of the Supreme Court, and senior members of the President's staff.

We appreciate very much the opportunity to express our views on this legislation.

Sincerely,

/s/ John N. McMahon

John N. McMahon
Acting Director of Central Intelligence

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