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Honorable David A. Stockman
 Director
 Office of Management and Budget
 Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Mr. Stockman:

This is in response to your request for my views on Enrolled Bill H.R. 6068, the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1983. I strongly recommend Presidential approval of this legislation.

The authorizations of appropriations for fiscal year 1983 contained in the legislation are generally in accordance with the proposals submitted to Congress by the President. The Intelligence Community and the House and Senate Intelligence and Armed Services Committees worked together closely to assure that the legislation provides the funding necessary to carry out the President's commitment to qualitative and quantitative improvement of the nation's intelligence capabilities.

In addition to authorizing appropriations, the Act contains several provisions affecting the administration of the Central Intelligence Agency. The legislation removes from the Agency constraints on the procurement of automatic data processing equipment and services imposed by the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act, assuring that the Agency can procure such equipment and services in a timely, effective, and secure manner suited to the Agency's unique intelligence requirements. The legislation also authorizes me to make minor adjustments in the personnel ceiling applicable to the Agency for fiscal year 1982 to permit the effective management of Agency personnel as we rebuild our intelligence capabilities. In addition, the legislation accords former spouses of certain CIA employees an opportunity to share in retirement benefits. Finally, the legislation prohibits misuse of the Defense Intelligence Agency name, initials, and seal.

Enclosed is a brief statement for the President's use upon signing H.R. 6068. The statement refers to this legislation as yet another step along the path toward revitalization of our nation's Intelligence Community.

Sincerely,

/s/ William J. Casey
 William J. Casey

Director of Central Intelligence

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Recommended Signing Statement

In the time since I became President, the Congress and I, working together closely, have embarked upon a course which will revitalize the intelligence capabilities of this nation, ensuring that in the coming decades we will have the vital information about our adversaries needed to safeguard American interests at home and around the globe. The Intelligence Authorization Act for the fiscal year now coming to a close constituted the first step in our rebuilding program. The Intelligence Identities Protection Act which became law in June was an important second step which ensured that those who arrogate to themselves the right to frustrate legitimate intelligence activities approved by the President and the Congress will be brought to justice. Today I am pleased to take the next step in our intelligence revitalization program by approving the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1983.

This year's Intelligence Authorization Act authorizes the appropriations necessary to continue improving our intelligence capabilities both quantitatively and qualitatively. Although the specific details of the authorizations of appropriations for intelligence activities must remain secret, I can assure the American people that their hard-earned tax dollars invested now in our intelligence capabilities will pay rich dividends to the nation in the difficult decades ahead.