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Honorable David A. Stockman, Director
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Dear Mr. Stockman:

This is in response to your request for the views of the Central Intelligence Agency on Enrolled Bill S. 2248, the "Department of Defense Authorization Act, 1983."

The intelligence components of the Department of Defense form a vital part of the nation's Intelligence Community and conduct some of the most sensitive activities of the National Foreign Intelligence Program. The Inspector General provisions which have been included in S. 2248 establish an effective Inspector General for the Department of Defense while at the same time avoiding any risk of impairment to the sensitive intelligence activities of the Department.

We are pleased to note that the Conference Committee acted to conform section 1117 of the Act to the Administration's position on this issue. Thus, the legislation provides that the Inspector General shall be under the authority, direction, and control of the Secretary of Defense with respect to audits, investigations, or the issuance of subpoenas involving access to information concerning intelligence or counterintelligence matters. The legislation also authorizes the Secretary to prohibit the Inspector General from initiating or completing an audit or investigation if the Secretary determines that such prohibition is necessary to preserve the national security interests of the United States. In addition, the legislation provides protection from public disclosure for information which is required to be protected in the interests of national security.

The Central Intelligence Agency, therefore, has no objection to Presidential approval of S. 2248.

Sincerely,

/s/ William J. Casey

William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence

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