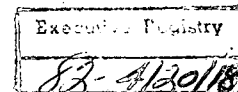


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Honorable Benjamin S. Rosenthal, Chairman  
Subcommittee on Commerce, Consumer, and  
Monetary Affairs  
Committee on Government Operations  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for allowing us to comment on the draft memorandum to your Members on a meeting to discuss declassification of CIA documents relating to OPEC investments and issues. In reviewing the document, we discovered that certain portions of it contained classified information. We have provided a copy of those findings to your staff and have asked them to handle it in keeping with its classification.

I recognize that you believe that it is important for the public to be informed about OPEC investments in our country. I must remind you again, however, that the publication of this classified material by your Subcommittee will result in the closing off [redacted] from which it comes. When that happens, it will not be available to us, to you, or anyone else. I am convinced that the public interest will not be served by such a development. Again, thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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Sincerely,

*William J. Casey*

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Director of Central Intelligence

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