

The Director of Central Intelligence

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The Honorable James B. Edwards  
The Secretary of Energy  
Washington, D.C. 20545

Dear Mr. Secretary:

It has come to my attention that the Department of Energy intends to have the Forrestal Message Center, which handles classified and compartmented messages from several intelligence agencies, operated by a private sector contracting firm,



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This has raised concerns within the Intelligence Community about retaining the necessary security protection for the wide range of sensitive intelligence provided to your Department. We have even received several Congressional inquiries on this subject.

We accordingly plan to take a look at other appropriate channels for getting intelligence information to you. Using couriers would be one possibility. I regret the time delays this may cause, but security requirements dictate that we not expose this wide a range of intelligence information to contractor personnel.

Sincerely,

John N. McMahon  
Acting Director

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