

25 MAY 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:

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Director, Office of External Affairs

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SUBJECT: Invitation to Speak - American Legion Department of Colorado POW-MIA Committee

1. Action Requested: Sign attached letter of regret.
2. Background: The POW-MIA Committee of the Colorado American Legion has invited you to be keynote speaker at the Colorado Legion's annual convention, 25-26 June.

Our position on the POW-MIA issue in recent months has been to defer comment to DoD (specifically the Air Force), whose account it is. CIA's public position has been limited to the fact that we continue to cooperate with DoD to the fullest extent possible. In view of this, even if the forum were worthy of an investment of your time, recommend you decline.

3. Recommendation: Decline by signing the attached letter.

[Redacted Signature Box]

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APPROVE:

Director of Central Intelligence

(Date)

DISAPPROVE:

/s/ William J. Casey

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Director of Central Intelligence

(Date)

Attachment: A/S