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Dear Andy:

Thank you for providing your March 5, 1984 discussion draft of H.R. 4681.


As you know from our previous conversation, I believe that the exemption section is inadequate to cover the intelligence agencies who now use the polygraph and certain other special access programs for which counter-intelligence polygraphs are appropriate. I attach herewith a redraft of the exemption section which covers those agencies and programs.

I believe the redraft is straightforward but any explanation of it ought to note that subsection b(1)(C) is meant to include a new special access program to protect cryptographic communications and technology. Such a program would be limited to those who have frequent and significant access to such communications or technology. Also, I believe that the "appropriate Committees of the Congress" referred to in subsection b(5) should include the Committee on Government Operations, the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, the Committee on Armed Services, and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House.

The Committee has not addressed this issue as yet, but should section 7365 of H.R. 4681 reach the floor in its present form, I would recommend that the Committee offer an amendment such as the attached redraft of that section.

I would be happy to discuss this with you at any time.

Sincerely,


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Amendment

On Page 7 of the March 5, 1984 Discussion Draft, strike Lines 12 through 21 and insert in lieu thereof:

"(a) Sections 7362 and 7363 of this title shall not apply with respect to an individual employed by, detailed or assigned to, or applying for a position with --

"(1) the Central Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency, the Defense Intelligence Agency, or the Federal Bureau of Investigation; or

"(2) the Department of Defense, the Department of State, or the Federal Emergency Management Agency, if such individual has, or will have, access to particularly sensitive classified information within special access programs created pursuant to section 4.2(a) of Executive Order 12356.

"(b) Subsection (a)(2) of this section shall have effect with respect to the use of polygraph examinations only if the head of the department or agency concerned issues regulations authorizing polygraph examinations, limited to questions designed to ascertain whether the subject of the examination has committed, is committing, or is about to commit espionage against the United States, and if such regulations require:

"(1) that the head of the department or agency concerned certifies that unauthorized disclosure of the information to which the employee, detailee or applicant will have access reasonably could be expected to result directly in the loss of --

"(A) human life;