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The Honorable Edward P. Boland, Chairman Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

The purpose of this letter is to acknowledge receipt of the transcript covering the 2 October 1984 briefing of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence concerning the bombing of our Embassy in Beirut on 20 September. If possible, we would like to keep the transcript for a period longer than the five days authorized in your letter of 10 October. The additional time required will give our Deputy Directors and the Office of Security the opportunity to review the testimony on this important subject. The Office of Legislative Liaison will coordinate with your Committee Staff on the return of the transcript.

With regard to the questions for the record attached to the transcript, I believe they should be answered by the Department of State since they are responsible for the security of our embassies. We have advised the Department of State of our position and will coordinate on their response.

Sincerely,

/s/ William J. Casey

William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence

