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would not produce the immediate results as sought
When it appeared that the negotiations were beginning to break down, the Director of Central Intelligence in a letter to the SSCI expressed his concern about the possibility of CIA classified information and sought the Committee's advice on how to resolve this concern.

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From the very beginning the only concern the Agency has had ~~triggered by the initial press release~~ was the possibility that classified information might be included in the Church papers and sought merely to confirm that this was not the case. ^{In fact,} We had supported an earlier suggestion that members of the SSCI themselves conduct a review for this purpose.