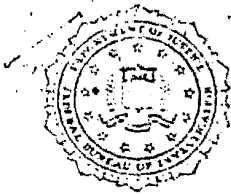


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Admiral Stansfield Turner, USN
Director of Central Intelligence
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

Dear Stan:

Reference is made to your letter dated December 15, 1978, forwarding draft procedures for CIA counterintelligence activities in the United States as required pursuant to Section 1-805 of Executive Order 12036.

In concurring with and approving those procedures I wish to call to your attention that while the procedures establish a process for securing the Attorney General's approval of a specific counterintelligence activity by the CIA in the United States they do not establish any guidelines for the conduct of that activity. In my judgment it would be more appropriate to establish such guidelines for each situation at the time it is proposed rather than to attempt now to anticipate all possibilities. At such time as a specific request is submitted to the FBI under these procedures, however, the scope of the activity and the specific means to accomplish the objective should be set forth in the CIA request.

Finally, while I recognize that the definition of "counterintelligence" in Executive Order 12036 specifically excludes personnel security programs I think it would be beneficial to develop a memorandum of understanding which better defines your Agency's and this Bureau's responsibilities

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with regard to inquiries necessary to resolve situations which may be perceived initially as security problems by your Agency but which at the same time are perceived as counterintelligence matters by this Bureau.

In order that Assistant Attorney General John Harmon may be aware of my approval of these procedures I am forwarding a copy of this communication to him.

Sincerely,

Bill