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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your letter of December 11th to Director Casey, for whom I am responding. Your directness and candor in writing are appreciated and I hope that, in approaching you, our representative was similarly courteous, straightforward and fully professional.

The feelings which you expressed in your letter are understandable and by no means exceptional within the American society. Our government's foreign policy in Latin America, as elsewhere, is a matter of ongoing debate and questionable consensus. But this policy is determined at the highest levels of our government, at the direction or with the approval of the President of the United States, who has been elected by our citizenry; it then falls to officials within this Agency, among others, to implement such policy.

The very nature of intelligence precludes full disclosure of the total information available within official quarters. We cannot compromise sensitive sources of information and methods of collection for a number of reasons, not the least of which is that they would no longer be productive. In our work, however, we are subject to U.S. laws, presidential executive orders, congressional oversight, internal organizational controls, and the principles of decency which govern our lives as U.S. citizens and human beings. I believe the leaders and employees of this Agency are honoring these obligations. At the same time, I respect your views and your forthrightness in conveying them.

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[Redacted Signature]

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Dear Mr Casey,

I am [redacted] Recently I was approached by a CIA investigator, asking if I would be willing to share with him information and impressions that I might have concerning science and technology in other countries, impressions that might have been learned in International meetings or from visitors to our laboratories.

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The gathering of information concerning the state of technology in other nations seems to me to be a proper activity of the CIA, and under normal circumstances I would have cooperated fully with him. I do not consider the present times to be normal, however. I am deeply upset over our present (and past) foreign policy in Latin America and in particular with numerous activities of the CIA which, as far as I can determine, are illegal within the context of the laws of this country, are outrageous in the context of any decent system of morals, and are in complete contradiction to the principles upon which our nation is founded.

In this situation I find I have no choice but to refuse cooperation with the CIA.

Sincerely yours,

[Redacted signature box]

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