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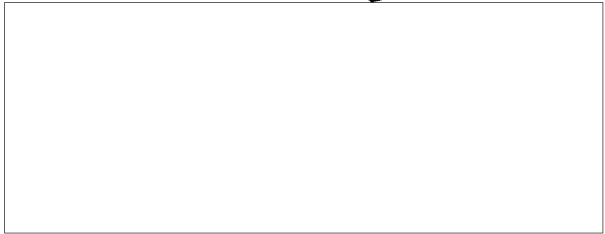
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William J. Casey
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, DC 20505



Dear Mr. Casey:

It has come to my attention that the National Reconnaissance Organization has information and photographs taken this year of live American servicemen held captive in Southeast Asia.

I realize that this information and photos is classified for national security reasons. I am also keenly aware of the sensitivity of the National Reconnaissance Organization and wish to maintain its important role in our defense system. However, I do recognize my responsibility to my constituents and the American people to obtain an explanation of such reports, while still maintaining a high degree of national security.

I, therefore, respectfully request, as a Member of Congress who is deeply involved in the POW/MIA issue, to be briefed on the reports of the National Reconnaissance Organization possessing SR-71 photographs taken this year of live American servicemen held captive in Vietnam.

Your prompt attention to my request is appreciated.

Sincerely,

DOUGLAS APPELEGATE
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

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