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The Honorable William J. Casey Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

I am writing you to request information on Soviet capabilities to rapidly deploy nuclear-driven directed energy weapons.

Could you tell me -- in an unclassified form -- whether the CIA believes the Soviet Union presently can deploy nuclear driven directed energy weapons such as X-ray lasers without having to conduct any additional nuclear explosive tests of such devices?

I appreciate your assistance and cooperation in this matter. I ask that you respond to this request within 10 working days or by May 27, 1986. If you are unable to provide the requested information within this time period, then please provide an interim response by the stated deadline explaining the reason you are unable to comply with my request and precisely when you will be able to provide a full and complete response.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Edward J. Markey Member of Congress

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