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November 7, 1986

Dear Bill:

As government research dollars decrease, the importance to coordination and information sharing among government agencies becomes even more critical. Thus, I hope you will find useful this 1986 survey of U.S. agency contracts and in-house studies for the telecommunications sector.

We appreciate the speedy replies by all agencies in furnishing us with the requested information. As is evident from this compilation, the amount of work being done by U.S. Government agencies in the telecommunications sector is impressive. This work covers the broad spectrum of telecommunications from broadcast to ISDN and from international trade to transborder data flows. The dissemination of this compilation to all U.S. Government agencies will prove beneficial for helping policy formulation.

We welcome suggestions from your staff on how we can continue to improve this ongoing process of coordination and development. Our Office of Planning and Analysis will, in the meantime, be contacting your agency for periodic updates for distribution.

Sincerely,

Diana Lady Dougan

U.S. Coordinator and Director

The Honorable William V. Casey, Director,

Central Intelligence Agency, Washington, D.C.

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8 August 1986

Mr. Timothy C. Finton
Office of Planning and Analysis
Room 6317
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Finton:

Ambassador Dougan's letter of July 9, 1986 to Mr. Casey regarding studies in the telecommunications policy area has been referred to me for response. I can appreciate the Department's concerns regarding efforts to share and coordinate research efforts. In the current operating environment of fiscal constraints, I can assure you this Agency supports your efforts and, in fact, routinely coordinates our foreign affairs research projects with the Department of State.

I have surveyed our offices doing research related to international telecommunications policy and have located three studies in this area initiated during 1985 or 1986. These studies are unclassified, but because we wish to protect the CIA association with them, we ask that they not be listed in an unclassified document. The three studies are:

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July 9, 1986

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Dear Mr. Casey:

As a leading participant in the telecommunications community you know how important it is to keep pace with technological development. It is crucial for us to establish a more cohesive resource base of research in order to integrate this information into policy-making. From satellites to fiber optics and from data processing to switching technology, these are areas that are at the forefront of telecommunications technology. As we are working to develop that resource base, sharing the research can ensure optimal use in the policy-making process.

Last year we initiated the compilation of a listing of all U.S. Government contracts for studies in the telecommunications policy area. With the continued emphasis by the Administration on fiscal efficiency, it is all the more important that we collectively increase our efforts to share and coordinate our research efforts.

Therefore, I would like to enlist your personal support in again encouraging your agency to provide appropriate information on studies it has undertaken for the years 1985 and 1986. The submission should include the following information: 1) title of the study, 2) short synopsis, 3) contractee, 4) status - whether proposed, in process, or completed, 5) date of completion (actual or proposed), 6) cost, and 7) contact person for obtaining copies and/or further information.



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We would appreciate responses by August 8, 1986 to Timothy C. Finton, Office of Planning and Analysis, Room 6317. Mr. Finton can be reached at 647-6235. We will in turn share this compendium with all the contributing agencies. In the instances of classified reports we will treat accordingly.

Thank you for your help.

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Sincerely,

Diana Lady Dougan

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U.S. Coordinator and Director