

Central Intelligence Agency



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Mr. John Blake
Staff Director
Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Jack:

I understand that some question has been raised about a group of senior business people who met with the Office of Economic Research over a two-day period last month. I believe the enclosed materials will be helpful in avoiding misunderstanding about the purpose or propriety of that gathering.

This small conference was but the latest in a series of meetings with experts from the private sector that have taken place in recent years in an effort to improve the quality of our economic intelligence and ensure that both our collection and analysis are properly targeted on the priority economic issues.

As you will see, the materials are all unclassified and thus there is no objection to your sharing them with members of the Committee or its staff who are interested. At the same time, however, you will appreciate that the private citizens who participated likely would not wish their association with the Agency, even as consultants, to become public knowledge. We would, therefore, appreciate your care and sensitivity in the handling of the list of participants.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "B.R. Inman", written over a horizontal line.

B.R. Inman
Admiral, U.S. Navy
Acting Director of Central Intelligence