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The Honorable Edward P. Boland, Chairman
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In the classified annex to the report (97-101) accompanying the FY 1982 Intelligence Authorization Act (H.R. 3454), you directed the DCI to study the possibility of creating a Monitoring Overseas Direct Employment (MODE) manpower reserve, and to report to the Committee by 15 December 1981.

The Intelligence Community Staff has coordinated a community-wide study of the entire MODE issue, involving participation by the Department of State, CIA, NSA, the General Defense Intelligence Program staff, and the Office of Management and Budget. The issue is still being actively debated within the Executive Branch, with meetings at the NSC level as recently as the week of 7 December 1981. We will report the results to you as soon thereafter as possible. If you wish, we can brief your staff on the status of the Administration's deliberations, but we prefer to wait until the larger MODE issue is brought to some resolution before providing a study on one aspect of it such as a manpower reserve.

I trust that this arrangement will meet with your approval.

Sincerely,

/s/ B. R. Inman
B. R. INMAN
Admiral, U.S. Navy

SUBJECT: Letter to Boland

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