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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am concerned that there may be some confusion at the staff level about the interpretation to be placed on the Administration's modified request for FY 1982 funds and manpower levels for the Intelligence Community Staff. The purpose of this letter is to provide my view of the situation for you.

As you may recall, the DCI's original FY 1982 budget request was for [] people and [] In his letter of 30 September 1981, David Stockman indicated that the request was being reduced by [] Since that reduction is almost equal to the reduction proposed by the HPSCI [], some have argued that the Administration has, in effect, endorsed the House Committee's programmatic actions. The similiarity is purely coincidental. OMB applied the same 12 percent cut to the IC Staff that it levied on other departments and agencies. Unfortunately, your committee reached its proposed level by reducing external contracts and manpower levels. I believe we can reach the Administration and committee endorsed funding level by adjusting various parts of the budget and at the same time, cutting the staff to [] people from [] On 1 October when I appeared before you and your committee colleagues to discuss among other things, the IC Staff reorganization, I made a strong case to restore at least 10 of the positions you had cut. I hope you will honor that request and let us reallocate our budget. It is also very important, I believe, for you to let us moderate the effect of your cut on our external contracting requirements.

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In closing, let me urge the conferees to endorse a level of [] people and [] allowing us the latitude to designate how the [] cut is to be taken. In this way the goals of the Congress, the Administration and the DCI can all be met. I respectfully request your favorable consideration of this matter in the upcoming authorization conference.

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Sincerely,

[Signature]

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cc: The Honorable Barry Goldwater

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