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Honorable William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence
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Dear Mr. Casey:

On April 11 the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, by unanimous voice vote, ordered reported favorably H.R. 5164, The Central Intelligence Agency Information Act.

In anticipation of consideration of this important measure by the Committee on Government Operations and the full House of Representatives, it is an appropriate time to confirm this Committee's understanding that upon enactment of H.R. 5164 the Agency will establish a specific program designed to produce compliance with the current FOIA processing deadlines for new requests and to effect a substantial reduction, if not the entire elimination, of the current backlog of FOIA requests. Furthermore, it is expected that the Agency will not reduce its budgetary and personnel allocation for FOIA activities during the two year period following enactment.


As you know, the prospect of achieving these goals has been a major factor in securing the overwhelming congressional support, thus far evidenced, for this legislation.

It has been a pleasure working with [redacted] and his staff on H.R. 5164. I look forward to its prompt enactment.

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With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,


EDWARD P. BOLAND
Chairman