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 Executive Secretary
 16 June 87
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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D C 20505

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16 June 1987

The Honorable Louis Stokes
Chairman
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I appreciate very much the opportunity to meet last week with you and Ranking Minority Member Hyde. Both Mr. Gates and I came away from the discussion with the clear view that you would give the new Director of Central Intelligence the opportunity to strengthen and enhance relationships with the Committee unencumbered by past problems and difficulties.

I do, however, appreciate the Committee sharing with me its report on perceived CIA shortcomings in dealing with HPSCI. This report covers incidents over a substantial number of years, during at least some of which there were different statutes, rules, and procedures in effect. I asked for comments from within this Agency and read the responses carefully. While most of the positions taken by Agency officials are arguably sound, it is clear that these incidents resulted in some erosion of mutual understanding and trust between the Committee and the Agency. I wish to reverse this erosion and to build anew the trust without which we cannot carry on our mission and without which you cannot comfortably perform your oversight function.

If at any time in the future anything at all occurs which causes the Committee to question the accuracy or level of candor of our reports to the Committee, whether orally or in writing, I earnestly hope that you will immediately call this to my attention. These issues, as we know, can cause severe damage over time to the trust factor, and should not be allowed to fester.

I am instructing all Agency officers appearing before the Committee to present testimony or briefings candidly and completely. When there is uncertainty as to the correct facts on our part, we shall so state candidly with a pledge to report to the Committee with the full and correct facts as soon as possible. When we have a problem in reporting fully because of



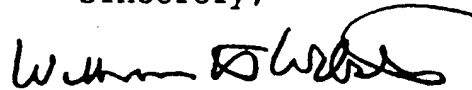
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concerns over sources and methods, we will tell you so. It is very likely that following appropriate discussions we will be able to supply the needed information in a mutually satisfactory manner. Finally, we will make every effort to respond to written questions as promptly as possible and avoid some of the occasional long delays of the past.

I have great confidence that the informal regular contacts we have established can serve as a solid basis for preventing a good deal of the friction that may have existed in the past. I look forward to future discussions with you and Congressman Hyde.

With highest regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William H. Webster". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

William H. Webster

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY



Director of Congressional Affairs

5 June 1987

NOTE FOR: The Director
The Deputy Director

FROM: Dave Gries *DG*

SUBJECT: Responses to Items on Tom Latimer's
Bill of Particulars

The Directorate of Operations, the Directorate of Intelligence, the Comptroller's office and my office have collaborated on these responses.

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The Honorable Louis Stokes
Chairman
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

After reading the Committee's paper on the record of perceived CIA shortcomings in dealing with HPSCI, I asked for an explanation of the examples from CIA's perspective.

What strikes me most vividly looking at the points made on both sides is the apparent frequency of misunderstanding between the Committee and the Agency, an almost willful inclination on the part of each to "worst case" the motives of the other and, above all, a serious lack of effective communication.

I believe that it is imperative at this point for each organization to begin with a clean slate. The regular, informal dialogue that has been established between the Chairman/Vice Chairman and DCI/DDCI must be the foundation for a more thorough and candid dialogue between the Committee and the Agency. When problems, misunderstandings or antagonisms arise -- as they surely will in this kind of relationship -- it is essential that they not be allowed to fester but be surfaced and corrected as promptly as possible.

For my part, I am instructing all Agency officers appearing before the Committee to present testimony or briefings candidly and completely. When there is uncertainty as to the correct facts on our part, we shall so state candidly with a pledge to report to the Committee with the full and correct facts as soon as possible. When we have a problem in reporting fully because of concerns over sources and methods, again, we shall so state candidly. Finally, we will make every effort to respond to written questions as quickly as possible and avoid some of the occasional long delays of the past.

For the Committee's part, I hope that concerns and problems will promptly be brought to my or the DDCI's attention -- with specific information upon which we can act. Additionally, when there are Agency concerns about sources and methods or sensitive operational activities, I hope the Committee will not assume or suspect an effort to withhold or mislead but rather will work with us to satisfy the Committee's concerns.

In conclusion, let me repeat that I believe the informal, regular contact we have established can serve as a basis for removing a good deal of the friction that has existed in the past. There will inevitably be occasions when the Committee and CIA will have serious differences over policies, procedures or reporting. We will work these out on a case by

case basis. But it is important that we not allow misunderstanding, miscommunication or suspicion on day to day matters create a hostile environment for addressing the truly important problems that will arise from time to time. I am firmly committed to a relationship with the Committee based on candor, mutual trust and mutual confidence.

Sincerely,

William H. Webster

Director of Central Intelligence

cc: The Honorable Henry J. Hyde
Ranking Minority Member
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
House of Representatives

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to the DDs.

Debbie, 16 June

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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
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For sure!*

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