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Washington, D.C. 20505

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The Honorable Denny Smith
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Smith:

The Acting Director has asked me to respond to your letter dated 2 January 1987 concerning the performance of various U.S. weapons in the Afghan/Soviet conflict. We request that you contact the Department of Defense for any information on the performance of the U.S. Stinger missile against Soviet threat aircraft.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

7s/ David D. Gries

David D. Gries
Director of Congressional Affairs

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DENNY SMITH
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January 2, 1987

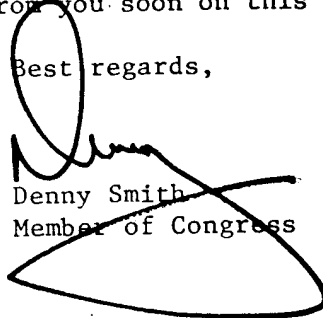
Mr. Robert Gates
Acting Director
Central Intelligence Agency
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Washington, DC 20505

Dear Mr. Gates:

Recent press accounts have made claims about the performance of various U.S. weapons in the Afghan/Soviet conflict. I would like a briefing on any information the CIA possesses about the performance of the U.S. Stinger missile against Soviet threat aircraft.

I look forward to hearing from you soon on this matter.

Best regards,


Denny Smith
Member of Congress

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