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The Honorable Claiborne Pell
Chairman
Committee on Foreign Relations
United States Senate
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your letter of 12 August 1988 requesting the Central Intelligence Agency to review transcripts of classified hearings held on 20 through 22 October 1969 concerning security agreements and commitments in Laos.

We have no objection to the release of the previously withheld material that was bracketed in red in 1969, except for the portions that the Department of State has bracketed with blue ink.

The transcripts are returned herewith.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

John L. Helgerson
Director of Congressional Affairs

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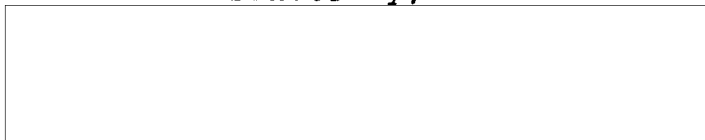
The Honorable Claiborne Pell
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Committee on Foreign Relations
United States Senate
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Director has asked me to respond to your letter of 12 August 1988 requesting a classification review for the transcripts of hearings held before your Committee on 20 through 22 October 1969. I have forwarded these transcripts to the appropriate components for a review to determine whether they can be downgraded to the Secret level. Classification review is a complicated process, but we will try to meet your deadline of 15 September 1988.

Thank you for your patience.

Sincerely,



John L. Helgerson
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August 12, 1988

TOP SECRET ENCLOSURES

The Honorable William H. Webster
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, DC 20505

Dear Judge Webster:

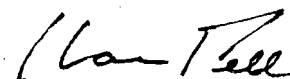
The Committee on Foreign Relations has received a request from a researcher for access to material deleted from the transcripts of classified hearings held on October 20, 21, and 22, 1969, regarding U.S. security agreements and commitments in Laos. The transcripts were sanitized and printed in 1969.

Please find enclosed the three transcripts, with remarks deleted from the printed version bracketed in red. The Department of State has reviewed this material and has approved its release, subject to deletion of items bracketed in blue, and has recommended that material which continues to be withheld be downgraded from Top Secret to Secret, OADR. The Department of Defense has concurred with both of these recommendations.

I would appreciate your returning the transcripts and advising me by September 15 if your Agency has any objection to the release of the remaining portions of the previously deleted material. I also request your concurrence with the recommendation to downgrade the classification of all passages which are not declassified at this time.

With every good wish.

Ever sincerely,



Claiborne Pell
Chairman





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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, DC 20301

July 14 ,1988

Senator Claiborne Pell
Chairman
Committee on Foreign Relations
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20501

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The transcripts for October 20, 21 and 22, 1969 have been reviewed.

We concur in the State Department's actions and recommendations, as stated in your letter of March 24, and in the public release of the remaining portions of the previously deleted material.

The transcripts are returned herewith.

Sincerely,

Harold B. Cozette

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Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am replying to your letter of February 2, enclosing for review and declassification three transcripts sanitized in 1969 when they were printed.

We have no objection to the release of the previously withheld material you have bracketed in red except for the portions we have bracketed with blue ink. We recommend that these parts be withheld under the relevant subsections of Executive Order 12356 which we have noted in the margin. Release of this material could be expected to have a detrimental effect on U.S. foreign policy interests in Southeast Asia, particularly as regards our relations with Thailand, an important treaty ally, India and Laos, and our support for improved Thai-Lao relations.

We understand that the Department of Defense will be asked to review this material. We recommend it also be submitted to the Central Intelligence Agency. We have noted these agencies in the margin of those portions we have no objections to release but believe that they may have an interest.

The Honorable
Claiborne Pell,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,
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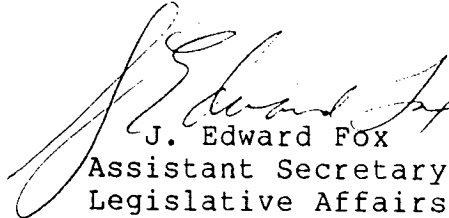
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We suggest that the material that continues to be withheld be downgraded from TOP SECRET to SECRET, OADR.

I understand that officers of the Department are in direct contact with your staff concerning this review.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



J. Edward Fox
Assistant Secretary
Legislative Affairs

Enclosures:

Transcripts dated October 20, 21, & 22, 1969

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