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Washington, D.C. 20505

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Mr. Joseph E. Kelley
Associate Director
National Security and
International Affairs Division
General Accounting Office
Washington, D.C. 20548

Dear Mr. Kelley:

The Director has asked me to respond to your letter of 7 April 1988 which described the General Accounting Office's investigation of allegations made concerning illegal transfers of fuel from the US military aid program for El Salvador to the Contra supply operation.

The focus of the investigation, as described in your letter, is on the aid program administered by the Department of Defense. Under the circumstances, I do not believe that it would be appropriate for officers of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) to discuss the actions of other United States Government entities with regard to this investigation. Furthermore, all Agency activities in Central America, as well as information we receive concerning other US Government activities in the region, are subject to close and continuing scrutiny by the House and Senate Intelligence Committees.

I am sorry that we cannot be more helpful in this case.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

John L. Helgerson
Director of Congressional Affairs

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From: John Helgerson

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answer for your signature.

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 No answer expected or required

 John, I prefer to _____

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National Security and
International Affairs Division

April 7, 1988

The Honorable William H. Webster
Director, Central Intelligence Agency

Attention: Director, External Affairs

Dear Mr. Webster:

We have been requested by Senator Tom Harkin to review allegations of illegal transfers of fuel from the U.S. military aid program for El Salvador to the contra supply operation. The work will be performed under assignment code 463768 and will begin in Washington on or about mid April 1988.

We will focus on such issues as the items and services provided by the U.S. military aid program to El Salvador, the program controls over this assistance, allegations of improper or illegal transfers of this assistance, and the response of the executive branch to these allegations of these transfers. The work will be conducted in Washington, D.C., El Salvador, and other locations as necessary.

Mr. Alan Bennett, Evaluator-In-Charge in the National Security and International Affairs Division's Security and International Relations Group, is responsible for conducting this assignment. He will contact your designated representative to discuss our needs further as the scope of this review is developed. In the meantime, if you have any further questions, he can be reached on 695-1713.

We have also notified other U.S. government agencies and departments of this review. Your assistance in making the necessary information available to complete this assignment will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph E. Kelley
Associate Director



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441 G Street, N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20548

DATE April 6, 1988

GAO ASSIGNMENT CODE 463768

TO: Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Attention: Director, External Affairs

PURPOSE OF VISIT: To review allegations of illegal transfers of fuel from the U.S. military aid program for El Salvador
APPROXIMATE DATE(S) OF VISIT: April 1988 through December 1988
POINT OF CONTACT: Stewart L. Tomlinson - 695-1713

NAME(S) AND SSN OF GAO EMPLOYEE(S)	DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH	CLEARANCE GRANTED AND DATE	BASIS: DATE/TYPE OF INVESTIGATION

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