



Drug Enforcement Administration

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Honorable William H. Webster
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Judge Webster:

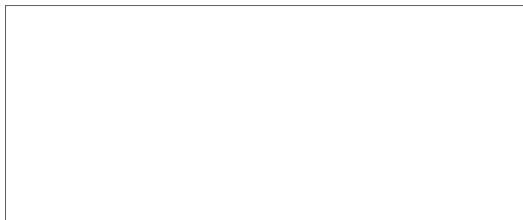
During the course of the next several weeks, there will be hearings conducted by Congressman Hughes of New Jersey. These hearings are expected to focus on a number of issues which have not yet been fully defined. We do anticipate, however, that one area of inquiry will be the utilization of persons by law enforcement and/or the intelligence community who are significant drug traffickers or involved in other activities, such as the movement of weapons.

I expect also that these hearings will focus on the issue of the interrelationship between drug law enforcement and national security concerns and whether or not the balance between the two is appropriate. The Noriega case, the Nicaraguan case involving the now deceased defendant/informant Barry Seal, and the general area of Contra resupply are a few of the areas of inquiry.

While I believe some of the motivation for these hearings is political, nonetheless, I expect them to be difficult and we must be as prepared as possible due to the complex nature of these cases and issues. Over the course of the past months, we have made informal inquiries of the Central Intelligence Agency as to any relationship that the agency may have had with certain of these individuals.

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I believe that it is in the best interests of both organizations that we ascertain what relationships did exist with DEA/CIA and what impact that may or may not have on us at these hearings. It is, therefore, requested that you make a formal check of your records at CIA pertaining to the following individuals:



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It is requested that you respond as soon as possible, as the hearings are due to commence as early as the week of September 12. Jack Short, Acting Chief of the Cannabis Investigations Section, is DEA's action officer and can be reached at 633-5628.

Sincerely,


John C. Lawn
Administrator