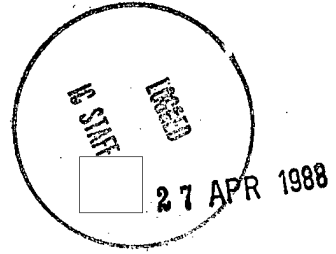


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The Honorable Louis Stokes, Chairman
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed is CIA's response to the Congressionally directed action on Retirement Benefits for Certain Former Spouses requested in the unclassified conference report to the Intelligence Authorization Act for FY 1988.

Copies of this letter and the CIA response have been provided to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence as well as the Subcommittees on Defense of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees.

Sincerely,



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Lieutenant General, USAF

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RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN FORMER SPOUSES

This report provides the status of CIA's efforts to carry out the provisions of Title IV, Section 401, of the FY 1988 Intelligence Authorization Act, which amends the CIA Retirement Act of 1964 to provide retirement benefits for certain former spouses. [REDACTED]

Recently revised Agency regulations authorize annuity benefits for certain former spouses divorced on or before 15 November 1982. The regulations outline annuity eligibility criteria, stipulate entitlement computations and the funding source for annuity payments, and provide commencement and termination dates for annuities awarded.

We are taking a number of steps to ensure that all those eligible for the former spouses' benefits are notified:

- In early March 1988 the Agency notified all known former spouses by letter of their lifetime annuity entitlement rights contained in the FY 1988 Intelligence Authorization Act.
- We also sent a notice of the changes to all Agency annuitants and published notices both for Headquarters and field personnel.
- A notice was published in the Federal Register on 18 March and in the legal notices section of The Washington Post on 20, 21, and 23 March.
- An employee bulletin describing the provisions of the former spouse legislation was issued Agencywide on 4 April.
- An item about the legislation will appear in the May or June issue of Modern Maturity magazine, a publication of the American Association of Retired Persons, and in the July newsletter of the CIA Retiree Association. [REDACTED]

We believe that the steps we have taken allow for the proper implementation of the program and that reasonable efforts are being made to inform former spouses of the benefits available to them. [REDACTED]

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