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The Honorable
The Secretary of the Interior
Department of the Interior
Washington, 25, D.C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I wish to express my support of the Interior Department program of Foreign Mineral Attaches, under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Mines. This subject has been discussed by members of my staff with Mr. Joseph McGrath, Chief of the Foreign Minerals Division of the Bureau of Mines. From these discussions I gather that there is some question as to whether the Appropriations Committee of the House will make funds available to you for this project in the coming fiscal year.

It is my feeling that this program will be most beneficial to the Central Intelligence Group.

In view of these facts, I have written a letter to Mr. John Taber, Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, expressing our complete support of this program. A copy of this letter is enclosed herewith for your files.

If I can be of any further assistance in this matter, please call upon me.

Sincerely,

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Lieutenant General, USA
Director of Central Intelligence

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