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The Director of Central Intelligence

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National Intelligence Council

Admiral James D. Watkins
Chief of Naval Operations
Room 4 E 660
The Pentagon

Dear Admiral Watkins,

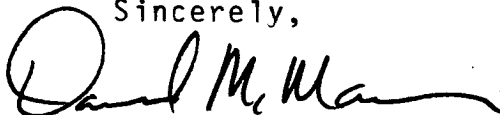
[redacted] and I are most appreciative of the opportunity you gave us to discuss our common concerns in warning. We are particularly pleased that you see our work as so relevant to your operational mission. One of our most important goals is to ensure that "the system" can provide adequate warning to enable you and other key commanders to ready and deploy forces in sufficient time to avoid or otherwise ameliorate potential threatening situations. Because of the ambiguity inherent in warning, it is imperative that the intelligence and operational communities develop the mutual understandings and operational procedures to enable the most efficient and timely reaction to potential threats.

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It is also satisfying to note that we are totally in sync on the issue of the understanding of the perceptions of our adversary and the need to manage that perception in a coherent manner. We are hoping to get Bill Casey to sit down with the Chairman and the Service Chiefs in the near future, and this would be an excellent topic for discussion.

I am enclosing a draft paper which was developed for another purpose, but which attempts to describe the relationship between warning and mobilization and the necessity for developing better answers than we have today. Your comments would be most appreciated. Be assured that we stand ready to work with you and your people to strengthen the relationships wherever possible.

Sincerely,



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