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Honorable Abraham A. Ribicoff, Chairman
Committee on Governmental Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing you today in support of S. 2116, which authorizes the establishment of a Senior Cryptologic Executive Service within the National Security Agency.

This Bill will provide the Director of the National Security Agency (NSA) with the equivalent management tools and authorities already available to the Central Intelligence Agency through its Senior Intelligence Service and to the rest of the Executive Branch through the Senior Executive Service provisions of the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978. As you know, the National Security Agency was excluded from the Senior Executive Service because such coverage would have been inconsistent with sound security practices. S. 2116 would provide statutory authority for the National Security Agency to adopt and implement those features of the Senior Service concept which are compatible with the Agency's sensitive national security mission. As other departments and agencies, including the Department of Defense, have already implemented the Senior Executive Service, it will be especially helpful to the National Security Agency if your Committee would undertake early consideration of S. 2116.

The Office of Management and Budget has advised there is no objection to the submission of this report from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

Yours sincerely,

SIGNED

STANSFIELD TURNER

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RE: S. 2116

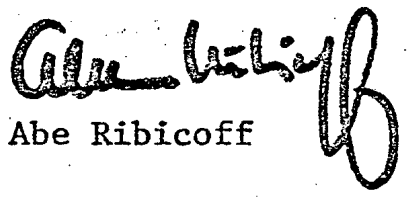
Enclosed is a copy of a bill which has been referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

The Committee would appreciate your views regarding the provisions of this bill and any recommendations which you may have concerning possible Committee action.

Please transmit your reply in quadruplicate. All correspondence should be addressed to the Committee on Governmental Affairs, 3308 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510, Attn: Janiffer Baumann.

Your prompt attention would be appreciated. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,


Abe Ribicoff

Enclosure