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Director of Training & Education
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Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear [Redacted]

You are cordially invited to a faculty seminar on Congress and the CIA on November 3, 1988. The seminar will be held in the Fainsod Room of the John F. Kennedy School of Government, 79 JFK Street, Cambridge, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. with cocktails and dinner to follow.

Discussants will be John Helgerson, Director of Congressional Affairs for CIA; Thomas K. Latimer, staff director of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence; Sven E. Holmes, General Counsel of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence; and George Tenet, staff director of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence; Gregory Treverton, Director of European Affairs at the Council on Foreign Relations, will serve as moderator.

The discussion will focus on Congressional oversight of the CIA since the formation of the oversight committees in 1976 and 1977. Latimer has served on the House committee staff since its formation. We will examine how effective Congressional oversight has been and what is in store for the future. Also to be discussed is the flow of intelligence from the Intelligence Community to the oversight committees. Both the Senate and House have asserted the right to all finished intelligence produced by the executive branch. The discussants will explain how much intelligence is now being provided to Congress, how it is used in the legislative process and how the possession of intelligence by the committees has affected the foreign policy process.

After brief remarks by the discussants, we will open the discussion. The discussants will be prepared for questions on all aspects of Congressional oversight of the CIA, including covert action and control of the CIA budget.

Please phone Seeran Wisner at 495-0870⁽⁶¹⁷⁾ to let us know by October 21st whether you will be able to attend.

Sincerely,

Ernest R. May

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