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The Honorable John Joseph Moakley  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Moakley:

I was very pleased to receive your letter of December 6 regarding your view of CIA's role in the investigation of the murder of the Jesuits in El Salvador. Your gracious initiative to put into its proper perspective the vicious speculation in The New York Times made an extremely favorable impression in the CIA and was especially gratifying to those directly involved with matters concerning El Salvador.

Many CIA personnel, appalled as any civilized person must be by the murders, have worked long and hard to contribute to bringing all of the killers to justice and to improve human rights practices by the military of El Salvador. We are accustomed to unfair public invective, but the speculation questioning CIA's integrity regarding such a heinous crime was especially disheartening. Your rapid and forthright response represents an expression of understanding and support we are seldom privileged to receive. It is doubly rewarding given your intensive involvement and deep commitment to human rights issues in general and to the Jesuit murder case in particular. Please be assured of my commitment, as well as the Director of Central Intelligence's, and allow me to reiterate my appreciation for your letter.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Director for Operations

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