Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC

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Director of Central Intelligence
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Director:

On November 26, 1980, I wrote the Central Intelligence Agency asking for information pertaining to the World War II record of Kurt Waldheim, at that time Secretary General of the United Nations. On December 31, 1980, Frederick P. Hitz in CIA's Office of Legislative Counsel replied that CIA had "no intelligence reporting in detail on Waldheim's military service." Mr. Hitz went on to report that Mr. Waldheim was discharged from military duties after being wounded, and implied that from 1942 until the end of the war Mr. Waldheim was engaged in legal studies or other civilian activities.

Of course we now know that Mr. Waldheim continued to serve on active duty until the end of the war.

I understand that earlier this year the CIA acknowledged the existence of an OSS report on Mr. Waldheim dated April 26, 1945. I find this information both surprising and distressing in light of the assurances given me in 1980 that no such reporting existed.

I would appreciate your sending me a copy of the 1945 report. If it remains classified, please inform me the reason for its continued classification forty-two years after its creation.

In addition, I would appreciate an explanation as to why I was given erroneous information in 1980 when I was informed that no reporting on Mr. Waldheim's wartime service existed.

Sincerely,

STEPHEN J. SOLARZ
Member of Congress

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