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25 September 2000

The Honorable Fred Thompson  
Chairman  
Committee on Governmental Affairs  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

[redacted] The Director of Central Intelligence (DCI) asked me to respond to the concerns you raised in your 5 September 2000 letter regarding Intelligence Community (IC) responsibilities created by the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act of 1978--as modified by Section 1131 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001. We take seriously the law's requirement that we keep your Committee, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and the House International Relations Committee "fully and currently informed with respect to...the current activities of foreign nations which are of significance from the proliferation standpoint."

[redacted] With this in mind, let me clarify a misperception that the memo of 8 May from John Lauder, Special Assistant to the DCI for Nonproliferation and Director of the DCI Nonproliferation Center (NPC), may have left with you. [redacted]

[redacted] Furthermore, NPC is taking additional steps to support you and other relevant committees as required under this law:

- NPC is re-instituting [redacted] proliferation briefings for staff of the three committees named in Section 602 and the intelligence oversight committees. Working through the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, my office

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has scheduled a briefing for relevant Senate Committee staff on 29 September. My staff has informed Chris Ford of the date and time.

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[redacted] I hope that this letter has addressed your concerns. Should you have any further questions about how we plan to meet our Section 602 obligations, please do not hesitate to contact me, or have your staff call [redacted] of my staff at [redacted]

Sincerely,

[redacted]

John H. Moseman  
Director of Congressional Affairs

cc: The Honorable Joseph I. Lieberman

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September 5, 2000

The Hon. George Tenet  
Director of Central Intelligence  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Director Tenet:

As you know, the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act of 1978 (22 U.S.C. § 3282) – as modified by Section 1131 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001 (Public Law. 106-113) – requires you to keep the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and the House International Relations Committee “fully and currently informed with respect to \* \* \* the current activities of foreign nations which are of significance from the proliferation standpoint.” I write in order to draw your attention to the fact that this has apparently not been taking place.

According to policy guidance promulgated on May 8, 2000 by Special Assistant to the DCI for Nonproliferation John Lauder, the CIA’s Nonproliferation Center (NPC) apparently follows neither the intent nor the letter of the Non-Proliferation Act in this regard. As Mr. Lauder explained in his May 8 memorandum – and as the NPC itself has subsequently confirmed to my staff – it is NPC’s policy to [redacted]

The implications of this policy are disturbing. [redacted]

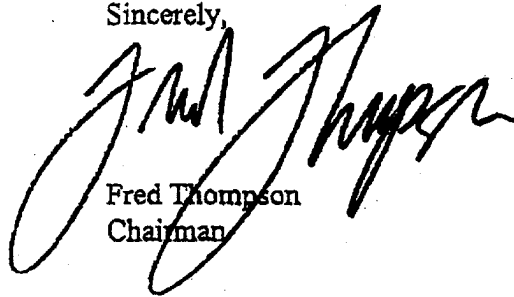
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I request that you provide to this Committee a detailed account of the U.S. Intelligence Community's current reporting policies with regard to proliferation-related information under the Non-Proliferation Act of 1978, as amended. I also request that you provide this Committee with assurances that the U.S. Intelligence Community will in the future follow the Act's requirement that this Committee be kept fully and currently informed of the significant proliferation-related activities of foreign nations.

Thank you for your prompt attention and cooperation in this matter. Should you or your staff have any questions about this request, please do not hesitate to contact me or Committee Chief Investigative Counsel Christopher Ford at (202) 224-4751.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred Thompson", written over a printed name and title.

Fred Thompson  
Chairman

cc: Senator Joseph Lieberman

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