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Mr. Lester A. Barrer  
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Dear Mr. Barrer:

This is in response to your letter to Mr. Colby of 8 November 1974 regarding the book you are currently compiling to be entitled Documentation Index to the Impeachment Proceedings Against Richard M. Nixon - Including "Watergate" and Related Investigations, Hearings and Prosecutions. I regret to inform you that the indices or lists that you describe in your letter do not exist.

As you may know, the Central Intelligence Agency has furnished many of its documents and records to various "Watergate" investigative bodies, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, the Department of Justice, the Watergate Special Prosecution Force, the Impeachment Inquiry Staff of the House Judiciary Committee and the Senate Select Committee on Presidential Campaign Activities. The number of documents involved is extremely large. A great number of these documents were and remain classified as they contain information relating to intelligence sources and methods which I have determined should be protected. Other documents were or have been declassified. However, when these materials were furnished to the various investigative bodies mentioned above, we did not attempt to segregate and index the unclassified materials from those that are and must remain classified. As an effort today to compile an index or list of the unclassified materials would be large and quite expensive, I cannot justify this Agency's undertaking such an effort. Regretfully, therefore, I will not be able to respond to your request because the time and cost of doing so is simply prohibitive.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

John S. Warner  
General Counsel

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