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February 26, 1974

The Hon. William E. Colby  
 Director of Central Intelligence  
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 Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Colby:

The House of Representatives, by House Resolution 803, 93rd Congress, directed the Committee on the Judiciary to investigate fully and completely whether sufficient grounds exist for the impeachment of President Richard M. Nixon.

The Committee anticipates that in the course of discharging this responsibility it will be necessary for the members of the staff of the Committee, as well as Members of the Committee itself, to have access to documents and information within the custody or control of the Central Intelligence Agency which have been classified as national security information or material. Therefore, without expressing any view as to whether in the present circumstances these clearances are legally required, the Committee does request your cooperation in obtaining top secret security clearances for the members of our staff listed on the attachment.

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The Hon. William E. Colby

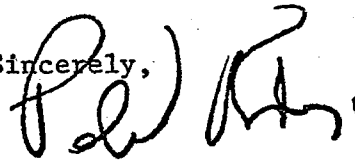
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The Committee wishes to conclude the present inquiry as promptly as the requirement of thoroughness will permit. Thus, we would appreciate your expediting any clearance investigations as may be appropriate with respect to the individuals named, and we also ask that you arrange interim clearances for each of them pending completion of the investigations. We would likewise be grateful for any assistance that you might render us in obtaining clearances for them regarding matters, such as intelligence activities, which may not be covered by the clearances herein requested.

In order further to expedite completion of all necessary clearance procedures, please be advised that the Committee is also requesting the Department of Defense and the Department of State to grant appropriate security clearances to the same individuals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter W. Rodino, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

PETER W. RODINO, JR.  
Chairman

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