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The Honorable William H. Webster
 Director of Central Intelligence
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 Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Judge Webster:


As you know, in the course of our deliberations on the intelligence oversight bills, there have been repeated references to the CIA operation to extricate U.S. hostages from the Canadian embassy in Tehran in 1980. We have heard repeatedly that the Canadian government explicitly conditioned its cooperation in this matter upon the U.S. Congress not being notified of the operation.


In reviewing their records, however, including two subsequent hearings before the SSCI and one before the HPSCI where this matter was discussed at length, neither Committee has found any mention of this aspect of the operation.

Inasmuch as it is important to both Committees to have the historical record accurate on this point, we request that you provide both Committees with any contemporaneous documentary evidence in CIA's possession which documents the assertion that the Canadian government specifically conditioned its cooperation in the operation upon the U.S. Congress not being notified of the operation.

We ask that the Committees be advised of such evidence by July 25, 1988.

Sincerely,


 David L. Boren
 Chairman


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cc: The Honorable Louis Stokes
 Chairman, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

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