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Honorable Edward Boland
House Permanent Select Committee
on Intelligence
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Boland:

I am informed that the conference report on the Foreign Intelligence Act of 1978 is scheduled for consideration on the floor of the House of Representatives in the near future. The purpose of this letter is to assure you that this legislation, as it emerged from the conference, continues to have my full and unqualified support as head of the Intelligence Community.

From a security perspective, I am particularly gratified that the conference committee chose to include specific statutory language dealing with security measures in court proceedings and with a centralized court system to consider applications for warrants. The House version of this legislation, as amended on the floor, had not contained such language. The new provisions facilitate the implementation of specific security measures and reduce the opportunity for compromise of sensitive security information. These advantages far outweigh any benefits which might accrue from dispersing warrant applications around the country.

For these and many other reasons, I strongly urge that the House of Representatives approve the conference version of this legislation.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Stansfield Turner

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