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The Honorable James G. Watt
Secretary of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Jim:

Thank you for your response to my recent letter urging the continuation of the World Energy Program of the US Geological Survey. I am pleased to learn that you share many of my concerns about the future of this valuable effort.

As we both know too well, funds are tight throughout the government this year. CIA, as in past years, has an extremely limited amount of monies available for external research. We will, of course, continue to lend active support to efforts before OMB and Congress by USGS to provide permanent funding for the World Energy Program. In addition, I have asked [redacted] who heads our Office of Global Issues, to explore with USGS other ways in which we might assist the program for FY 1983. 25X1

In the longer run, I believe your suggestion on an inter-agency coordinating mechanism for the World Energy Program research agenda might offer the best way to keep the program going. Obviously, a number of other agencies--State, DoD, and Commerce--in addition to CIA, benefit from portions of the program. If USGS were to form such a coordinating committee, we would be happy to provide a CIA representative.

Yours,

Bill Casey

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