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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

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The Honorable George Shultz
Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear George:

Herewith the Intelligence Community's just completed assessment of trends in the spread of nuclear technology and weapons to additional countries. The assessment, in the form of a comprehensive National Intelligence Estimate, focusses on the increasing difficulties in trying to slow this spread, and the consequent threats to US interests that are likely to emerge.

Given the threat to US national security posed by nuclear proliferation, the Intelligence Community has established the highest priority for collection and analysis of information on the various issues comprising the proliferation topic. In the future we will be focussing our efforts on specific countries and issues of greatest proliferation concern and will update our estimates as warranted.

Yours,

/s/ William J. Casey

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