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Mr. Francis M. Mullen, Jr.
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Washington, D.C. 20537

Dear Bud:

This is in response to your letter of 3 October 1983 regarding the National HUMINT Collection Plan on International Narcotics. I am pleased with your willingness to support Intelligence Community efforts to collect intelligence on international narcotics matters. However, I believe your response reflects a significant misunderstanding both of my purpose in sending that letter and of the Intelligence Community's role in national narcotics efforts.

You have expressed concern that the HUMINT Collection Plan and the authorities and responsibilities of the Director of Central Intelligence and the CIA may somehow be interfering with the law enforcement authorities and responsibilities that have been assigned to the Drug Enforcement Administration. I believe this concern to be unwarranted. The activities of the CIA and the Intelligence Community with respect to international narcotics intelligence collection are intended to support the law enforcement role of DEA and the role of national policymakers in dealing with the international narcotics problem. For these reasons, I was surprised by your reaction to my letter of 31 August, which transmitted the HUMINT Collection Plan to you. As you know, representatives of DEA participated in the development of the Plan.

You have also indicated apparent concern with the authorities and responsibilities of the DCI and CIA regarding foreign liaison responsibilities. Those authorities and responsibilities, as you know, derive both from E.O. 12333 and National Security Council Intelligence directives issued pursuant to the authority of the National Security Act of 1947, and call for the DCI to establish procedures governing the conduct of all liaison with foreign intelligence or internal security services.



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Given your apparent view on this matter, it might be in order for us to meet to dispel any misunderstandings that may exist with respect to the coordination of international narcotics collection efforts by the United States abroad. I look forward to hearing from you further.

Sincerely,

John N. McMahon

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SUBJECT: Ltr to Francis M. Mullen, Jr., Administrator, DEA re: National
HUMINT Collection Plan on International Narcotics

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