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Dear Mr. Director:

I have communicated several times with your predecessors in an effort to resolve some of the questions raised by the Kurt Waldheim case. Please refer to my letters of November 26, 1980, March 27, 1986, and October 23, 1987.

I must confess that I remain perplexed by various aspects of this business. For instance, when they answered my 1980 query, did CIA personnel have access to the WAST file, the Wehrmacht files archived in West Berlin? I understand that these files contain a document referring to Waldheim's military service in the Balkans. I further understand that copies of this document had been acquired by private individuals well before my 1980 query to you. How was it that CIA in 1980 was unaware of such a potentially valuable trove of documentation?

Furthermore, did CIA examine documents from the Berlin Documents Center anytime prior to 1980? If so, am I to conclude that there is nothing in this collection pertaining to Waldheim? What additional sources were consulted in preparing a response to my initial inquiry in 1980?

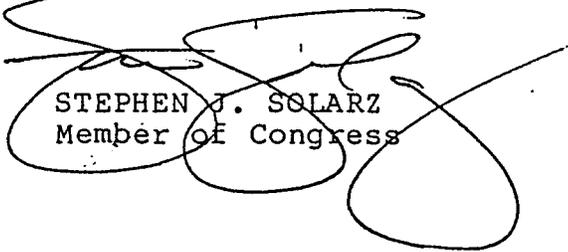
U.S. Army intelligence apparently interrogated Waldheim at Bad Tolz in Bavaria in May or early June 1945. Was OSS present or in any other way involved during this interrogation? Why was Waldheim selected for questioning on this occasion? What agency currently has custody of the file of that interrogation, and has CIA consulted it? If not, would you not agree that CIA's failure to do so, for a man with Waldheim's prominence, represents a curious oversight?

In addition, what information does the CIA have concerning Waldheim's indictment by Yugoslavia for murder? What information does CIA have concerning Waldheim's flight to Paris a short time later? What information does CIA have regarding Yugoslavia's decision in 1948 not to pursue its case against Waldheim?

Finally, why did CIA intercede in 1986-87 in order to prevent Waldheim's placement on the Attorney General's Watchlist?

There has obviously been a great deal of confusion on these matters, and I fervently hope that we can at last clear up at least some of this confusion.

Sincerely,



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