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Hon. Stansfield Turner
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Dear Stan:

A number of my constituents have recently brought to my attention some serious allegations concerning United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim's alleged association with the Nazi Youth Movement and his actions as a Wehrmacht officer between 1939 and 1945 on the Eastern Front. They contend that, according to a recent article in the New Republic, he was a member of the Nazi Youth Movement and that, as an officer assigned to the Soviet front, Waldheim may have been involved with the slaughter of Soviet Jews. It is, of course, well known that extermination teams served with regular German army units on the Soviet front and were empowered to use these troops to carry out the mass murder of Jews and other civilians.

In view of the tremendous respect and influence that is attached to the position of Secretary General of the United Nations, I believe it is absolutely essential that the background of the individual serving in this capacity be beyond reproach. I would very much appreciate it, therefore, if the Central Intelligence Agency could provide me with any biographical information on Kurt Waldheim that it may have in its files, which would tend to substantiate or disprove these allegations. I would be particularly interested in any documentation of the following two points:

1. Waldheim's alleged association with the Nazi Youth Movement; and
2. The names and numbers of the units in which Waldheim served, and any specific information about Waldheim's activities and responsibilities during the war.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Cordially,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "STEPHEN J. SOLARZ", is written over the typed name.

STEPHEN J. SOLARZ
Member of Congress

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