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Mr. George Tenet
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, DC 20505

Dear Mr. Tenet:

I have been contacted by a constituent of mine, [REDACTED] about the problem the Carney family is having with the CIA. I have enclosed supporting documentation for your review.

John Carney is the brother of Father James Carney, who died in 1983 in Honduras. Recently, John traveled to Honduras with two family members and a Jesuit priest to speak with the Ambassador of the U.S. Embassy in Tegucigalpa about the circumstances surrounding his brother's death. The family believes that Father Carney's death was the result of his "disappearance." The extensive bureau deletions from official CIA documents have heightened the family's suspicions. The family and the priest have maintained a nonviolent vigil at the Embassy since the date of the meeting to underscore the need for complete, declassified information about Father Carney.

I would appreciate it if you would review my constituent's concerns, address the issues that have been raised, and give the family's disclosure request the full consideration of the law. Please direct any questions and your response to Paul Audette, a member of my staff, at my St. Paul office.

Thank you for your assistance. I greatly appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Paul David Wellstone
United States Senator

PDW:pca

Enclosure

cc: James Creagan, Ambassador, U.S. Embassy, Tegucigalpa

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