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The Honorable Bill Bradley
Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Bradley:

Thank you for your letter of 9 July which expressed interest in and support for the Intelligence Community's efforts to identify and address future intelligence gaps.

Your continued support and understanding are vital to our ability to meet the challenges of tomorrow's threat.

As you well know, we have a major study underway to address future intelligence gaps as they relate to the Soviet military threat. Mindful of the objectives for this study set by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, our efforts to identify gaps and propose appropriate responses have been designed to specifically address the needs of intelligence users. I understand that the National Security Advisor, Mr. Carlucci, has responded in detail to your concerns regarding the scope and the approach of the study. I fully support Mr. Carlucci's position.

I look forward to continuing to work with you, as well as with the Executive Branch policy makers and other intelligence consumers, to make the process by which we select our future intelligence resources as sound as possible. I believe the effort now underway--an effort that I strongly endorse--will help to ensure this goal.

A copy of this letter is being sent to Senator Cranston.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ WJ

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Director of Central Intelligence

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