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The Honorable Robert Torricelli  
Permanent Select Committee  
on Intelligence  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Torricelli:

I write to respond to the question you posed during the May 23, 1995, Guatemala briefing and in your letter to National Security Advisor Lake of June 8, 1995, concerning possible involvement in or knowledge of the murder of Father James Francis Carney S.J.

A review of all the information available today to the Central Intelligence Agency shows that CIA had no knowledge of any plans to capture Fr. Carney, only learned of his likely death after it occurred, and had no involvement, direct or indirect, in his death. The circumstances surrounding Fr. Carney's death remain uncertain today, but relevant information then available to CIA was described in a 1988 CIA Inspector General report that found no CIA involvement in Fr. Carney's death. The Inspector General's report was in turn examined by the Senate and House Intelligence Committees. While the Senate committee took issue with aspects of the Inspector General's report, it did not challenge that part that related to Fr. Carney.

Notwithstanding all of the above, I want you to know that, in an effort to be absolutely thorough, I have directed a review of all CIA documents from this period that might bear on possible allegations of human rights abuses known to CIA.

We will be responding to your other questions under separate cover.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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