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Mr. William B. Ketter  
THE PATRIOT LEDGER  
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Dear Mr. Ketter:

The enclosed 30 June LEDGER editorial has been brought to my attention. It misrepresents the reasons for Director Casey's concerns regarding the publication of information which damages the U.S. intelligence community's collection capabilities.

I am also enclosing for your background, and that of the writer of the editorial, a copy of 18 USC 798, the law which concerns the disclosure and printing of Classified Communications intelligence, and Director Casey's interview with the WASHINGTON JOURNALISM REVIEW on "National Security and the Press." I hope they will prove enlightening.

Sincerely,

  
George V. Lauder  
Director, Public Affairs Office

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