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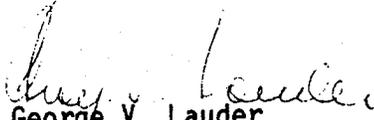
16 December 1985

Mr. Anthony Day
Editor of the Editorial Pages
LOS ANGELES TIMES
Times Mirror Square
Los Angeles, CA 90053

Dear Mr. Day:

In his front page article on 11 December entitled "President Orders Lie
Detector Tests," Mr. ^{Robert}Toth claims that William Casey "refused on principle" to
take a lie detector test when he became Director of Central Intelligence in
1981, but that he later did so. If Mr. Toth had checked his facts with the
Agency, he would have learned that Mr. Casey never refused to take a polygraph
examination. In fact, when appointed Director he believed he had an
obligation to undergo the examination promptly and he did so.

Sincerely,


George V. Lauder
Director, Public Affairs