



Washington, D.C. 20505

4 June 2007

Mrs. Cristina Welch



Dear Mrs. Welch:

I am very pleased to send you the enclosed article, "Dick Welch, 1929-1975," which your husband's Harvard classmate Christopher May published in the Fall 1977 issue of the CIA's professional journal *Studies in Intelligence*. Mr. May requested that we review and declassify the article so that he could publish it in a volume honoring the contributions of the Harvard class of 1951 to the nation.

Please understand that some of the details of your husband's CIA career that Mr. May described remain sensitive today, and therefore the Agency must protect them. Richard Welch was a remarkable man, and we have made every effort to provide a declassified document that fully captures his contributions to the nation and his dedication to the mission of the agency. I hope you agree, and I hope the article is a source of enduring pride for you and your family.

We at CIA already know what sacrifices your husband made for his country, and we take great pride that Mr. May will now be able to tell your husband's story to and honor his service before his Harvard classmates and public.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Koch".

Scott Koch

Information and Privacy Coordinator

Enclosure

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