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The Honorable John F. Kerry
Chairman
Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I appreciate greatly the comments in your letter of September 1992 praising the Agency for its support to the POW/MIA Committee's investigations.

As you know, I had my staff pull together for you a summary of information relating to POW/MIA issues from the President's Daily Brief (PDB). I am advised that both you and Senator Smith reviewed this material personally, as did other members of your Committee staff. Pursuant to your request, I also had the Executive Registry review its files and extract pertinent documents for your Committee staff to review. We have found no other "Special Briefs" or additional notes (as, for example, any that former Director William Casey might have made) related to these issues. We have, however, responded to other questions submitted by Mr. Taylor of your Committee, and will continue to work closely with your staff on this matter.

I would like to reiterate at this juncture remarks I made in a letter of July 24, 1992 to you. I have a statutory responsibility to protect sources and methods, including material shared with us by other governments. I cannot therefore accede to your request for unrestricted access to operational or source files. To meet the needs of the Committee, however, we have made available to your staff as requested all reporting relative to specific reports, sightings and incidents, and have declassified as much of this information as possible.

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The Honorable John F. Kerry

Your letter asked that all files relating to three specific reports be made available to the Committee. My staff has prepared for your background a summary of source vetting information which underlie the specific intelligence disseminations on which you requested additional information in your letter. We will make arrangements with your staff to review this material. I hope these summaries will meet your needs.

An original of this letter is also being sent to Vice Chairman Smith.

Sincerely,

Bill Studeman

Robert M. Gates
Director of Central Intelligence