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Dear Mr. Solarz:

The Director has asked me to respond to your letter of 3 May 1988 in which you expressed your concerns about the Central Intelligence Agency's holdings on Mr. Kurt Waldheim and our previous answers to your inquiries.

This Agency queried the Berlin Documents Center in 1972 after initial allegations of Mr. Waldheim's Nazi involvement surfaced at the United Nations. This search revealed three Germans named Kurt Waldheim, with different dates and places of birth, who were identified as members of various Nazi organizations. Based on available information, there was, and continues to be, no evidence that any of these individuals is the former Secretary General of the United Nations, an Austrian.

The WAST file system in West Berlin was not checked when we prepared the response to your 1980 inquiry. Normally, we do not expand file searches to include foreign file holdings, such as WAST, on individuals of operational interest under criminal investigation. In general, this Agency is not the organization responsible for the worldwide investigation of individuals who have been charged with criminal activities during the Nazi era.

Regarding your question concerning Mr. Waldheim's indictment by Yugoslavia for murder, this Agency has no information on the matter.

We are not able to provide information on your questions about Mr. Waldheim's interrogation by U.S. intelligence in 1945. The operational records of the OSS have been turned over to the National Archives. You may wish to contact Mr. John Taylor, the OSS curator at 523-3340, who may be able to provide you with the information you are seeking on

Mr. Waldheim. My other suggestion would be to contact the Army's Center of Military History to determine whether the records of the 1945 interrogation are still available.

As to the question of Mr. Waldheim and the Attorney General's Watchlist, we checked with the Office of Special Investigations at the Department of Justice to determine whether the CIA was involved in adding Mr. Waldheim to this list. After discussions with the director of that office, we have found nothing to suggest Agency involvement with the Waldheim case.

I am very sorry if our answers on Mr. Waldheim have caused confusion and I hope that these additional answers can address your concerns.

Sincerely,

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Director of Congressional Affairs

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