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Admiral Stansfield Turner, U.S.N. Commander In Chief Allied Forces Southern Europe Naples, Italy P.O. Box 132 F.P.O. New York 09524

Dear Stan:

In early January I had the opportunity to submit your name as a worthy candidate for an honorary degree from Salve Regina College. I have served as a Trustee at Salve Regina for eight years, and nothing has given me more pleasure than to be instrumental in suggesting your name as a possible recipient of an honorary degree at this year's Commencement on Sunday, May 22, 1977.

The Honorary Degree Committee met in January and prepared their recommendation for the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees. This week this group met and approved the recommendation of the Committee.

It is significant, I think, that I should be writing this letter to you on the very day you are being confirmed as the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. May I just say parenthetically, your contributions to our country in your long Naval career are well known and deeply appreciated here in Newport. Your most recent honor and responsibility as President Carter's choice for Director of the Central Intelligence Agency strengthens and confirms our appreciation of you as a dedicated public servant, outstanding Naval officer and for me, personally, a respected friend. Approved For Release 2009/04/15 : CIA-RDP05S00620R000501190048-4



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It will give me great personal pleasure to have Salve Regina College award you this well deserved honorary degree at its twenty-seventh Commencement on Sunday, May 22, 1977.

I look forward to your favorable response. My personal best wishes to you in your new position. The C.I.A. is in good hands, and your service to your country will continue in the spirit of excellence which has so characterized everything you do.

Best wishes to Pat. She has every reason to be happy and proud of the government's recognition of the great man she married.

Sincerely,

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P.S. I sent President Jimmy a <u>Providence Journal</u> Editorial concerning yourself and congratulated him on his fine selection.

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Dear George,

Many thanks for your letter of congratulations on my new assignment. I am really grateful for the honor, humble at the immensity of the task, and appreciative of your good wishes.

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Thank you also for your kindness in nominating me for the honorary degree from Salve Regina College. Sister McKillop called my office a week or so ago to inform me. I have accepted and set aside May 22nd. I am truly honored and look forward to seeing you and Betty there. Once more I am in your debt and I am grateful.

In the meantime, all the best.

Yours,

STANSFIELD TURNER Admiral, U.S. Navy

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