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The Honorable John Stennis, Chairman Committee on Armed Services United States Senate Washington, D. C. 20510

My dear Mr. Chairman:

I was pleased to learn upon my return from leave this week that the President approved your bill, S. 4571, amending the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement Act.

Since its enactment in 1964, the CIA Retirement Act and the retirement system established under it have become increasingly important aspects of our overall personnel management program. I am deeply grateful for your understanding of the need to assure the continued effectiveness of the Act and for your most recent efforts toward this end.

I look forward to the continuation of our close relationship in the years ahead.

Respectfully,

/s/ Dick

Richard Helms Director

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