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**TO:** Mrs. Martha M. Doty, Clerk  
Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and  
Government Information, House Government  
Operations Committee

Mrs. Doty--

Here are the final insertions for the  
record of Mr. Colby's August 1, 1974,  
testimony on H. R. 12004 before the  
Subcommittee.

/s/

George L. Cary  
Legislative Counsel

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Answer to Mr. McCloskey's first question:

Practically all of our documents classified in 1973 were exempted from the General Declassification Schedule.

Answer to Mr. McCloskey's second question:

Of the exempted documents under the Executive Order, none have been reviewed to determine whether they can be declassified. These documents are new--the oldest dating back only to June 1972--and the original classification and exemption decisions therefore are so recent that declassification review would not yet be useful.

Answer to Mr. McCloskey's third question:

Less than one percent of the exempted documents have been stamped for declassification on a given date or event.

Answer to Mr. McCloskey's fourth question:

As all of the original classification and exemption decisions under the Executive Order are new and have not been reviewed, we have no experience on which to base an estimate. However, it seems certain that a review of just one year's exempted documents would require tens of thousands of manhours.

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Status report on the declassification of CIA documents on the Bay of Pigs incident:

The request by the New York Times for the documents having to do with the Bay of Pigs incident was favorably acted upon by the CIA Information Review Committee, which directed that the material be reviewed for possible declassification under Executive Order 11652. Although these materials are voluminous and are dispersed in the custody of several different Agency offices, it has been directed that

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Honorable William E. Colby  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Director:

Enclosed is the transcript from the Foreign Operations and Government Information Subcommittee's hearing on H. R. 12004, held August 1, 1974.

Please make any necessary grammatical corrections of your testimony in the transcript and return it, along with any insertions for the record, to the Subcommittee by Wednesday, August 21, 1974.

Should there be additional questions to be submitted in writing for the hearing record, they will be sent to you at a later date.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Martha M. Doty*

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