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The Honorable William E. Colby
Director, Central Intelligence Agency

Dear Bill:

We are undertaking a review of the Governments' role in East-West trade with the intention of reporting our assessment to the Congress. Our review will center on the various Government policies, procedures, and programs for East-West trade relations in recognition of the general congressional interest in the area.

In order to carry out this assignment, we believe it of great importance to have access to certain information developed by your agency. We recognize the sensitivity of the data being requested and you may be assured that we will take appropriate measures to safeguard it. We shall limit access to the documents and all information contained therein to those GAO members with a need to know and safeguard the confidentiality of the documents provided to GAO. Individuals from GAO involved will have necessary security clearances.

I am sure you are aware that in connection with our reporting responsibilities to the Congress, it is possible that certain of this information may be used in preparation of our report. It is our policy to give agencies the opportunity to review our drafts before being finalized. Therefore, there should be ample safeguard against undue disclosure.

We would appreciate your assistance in making available the following information.

1. Report on Peripheral Equipment Availability in EE and USSR
Report on Computer Production in USSR
Paper on Ryad Program and Equipment Availability by Tasky

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2. Evaluation of Technical Transfers Under Detente Policy and Implications - A paper prepared by OER, OPR, and OCI for Department of State; also work for STR on what will be the important technologies 10-15 years hence.
3. Any reports or evaluations concerning the effects of detente on the foreign and economic policies of (a) eastern bloc countries, and (b) the United States.
4. List of OER reports and publications related to East-West trade and their agency distribution in past year.
5. A statement from the Agency reflecting what it deems adequate general minimum monitoring informational safeguard requirements against diversion for:
 - (a) computers and computer peripherals
 - (b) telecommunications equipment
 - (c) numerically controlled machine tools
 - (d) semiconductors and semiconductor manufacturing and test equipment shipped to Communist countries by the United States
6. A list of technical agreements signed by American business and Communist Ministeries and/or State Committees, and the contents of these agreements.

Mr. John E. Milgate, Associate Director of our International Division is the focal point within our Office for this review. He can be reached at 386-5507. We would be pleased to meet with you or your representatives to discuss our interests and objectives.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,



Comptroller General
of the United States

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