

Mr. William A. Tidwell

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Dear Bill:

I appreciate your letter of 17 November and your desire to be helpful with relation to the recent developments in the intelligence community. Needless to say, we are all working to develop the policies and procedures which will implement the President's directive. All of us are busily engaged in this exercise right now, and you may be sure that we are glad to have your views.

With respect to the reaction of the military to the new developments, I can well believe that some of them might be apprehensive, but I can assure you that I would be the last to interfere with primary service missions or the need of the field commander for tactical military intelligence.

Sincerely,

**Richard Helms
Director**

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