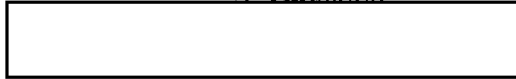


22 January 1976

Mr. Charles E. Mattson



Dear Mr. Mattson:

Many thanks for your kind and thoughtful comments about the radio interview on Station KDKA mentioned in your letter of 21 December.

We here at the Central Intelligence Agency strongly believe that it is only with the continuing support of our fellow Americans like yourself that we are able to do the work which we must to defend and protect America now and in the future.

Faithfully,



Vernon A. Walters
Lieutenant General, USA
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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21 December 1975

Dear Gen. Walters;

I heard you on radio KDKA, 20 December 1975. I am grateful the CIA has a man of your caliber, intelligence, and background to inform President Ford.

Your answers to questions were very clear and informative. Naturally its understandable all questions could not be fully answered.

Too many people, at present, find fault with both the FBI and CIA and claim they are destroying individuals civil liberties, but I believe that the exact opposite is taking place.

There still are many persons who believe in the CIA and what it tries to accomplish, but not enough of these bother to voice their opinions.

We need the CIA and FBI and men like John Signa who will take a strong stand against Communism at every opportunity available.

Keep up the good work.

Sincerely

Charles E. Mattson