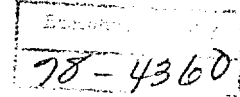


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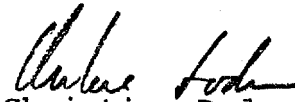
January 25, 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR

Mr. Ben Evans
Executive Secretary
Central Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT: Letter for Congressman Symms

The attached is being forwarded for response
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Christine Dodson
Staff Secretary

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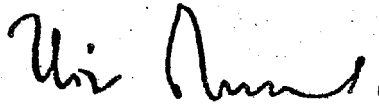
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 24, 1978

Dear Congressman Symms:

Your letter to the President of December 27, 1977 has been referred to Admiral Turner. I understand that he has already testified before the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence on the matter of concern to you.

Sincerely,



Zbigniew Brzezinski

The Honorable Steve Symms
House of Representatives
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President Jimmy Carter
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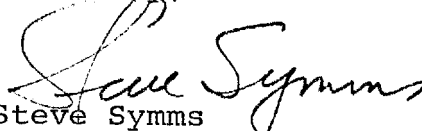
Dear President Carter,

This letter is in regard to your administration's plans to continue cuts in operational personnel at the C.I.A.

I wish to express my extreme concern and dismay over these continuing cuts. I am aware that these cuts are being effected at a time when Soviet KGB and GRU operational activities are expanding at an unprecedented rate. Accordingly, I am requesting the House Intelligence Committee conduct a review of your administration's actions in light of the aforementioned reasons. To denude our operational intelligence capability at this time would be unwise and would signal a lack of resolve on our part.

Furthermore, should this cut continue in spite of my cautioning, I will call for your administration to show its sincerity by effecting proportional cuts in other Federal agencies such as HEW, HUD, DOT, etc.

Sincerely,


Steve Symms
Member of Congress

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