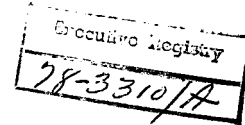


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Honorable Birch Bayh, Chairman
Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter (Q5095) of 13 October.

The U.S. role in monitoring any agreements reached under the Camp David Accords has not as yet been determined. The negotiations now taking place may set some specific tasks or tasks could be laid out in supplementary agreements. In the interim, our [redacted] airborne imagery role will continue until the parties believe this is no longer necessary. Whether an on-the-ground monitoring role - which, in any case, has not involved the Intelligence Community - will continue under the new lines of withdrawal is unknown.

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During this period, our clandestine HUMINT collection, which has steadily reported on Middle East reactions to the Accords, will continue unabated.

I will, of course, keep you informed when our monitoring commitments are determined. In the meantime, my Collection Tasking Staff is preparing a summary of the status of collection on the Middle East with particular attention to our ability to monitor any new agreements. I will provide you a copy of this when it is completed.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Stansfield Turner

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