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Honorable Mark Andrews
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Andrews:

This acknowledges your letter of 6 May 1982, and the enclosed photographs of a missing American citizen, [redacted] who is believed to be AWOL from the U.S. Army, stationed in Germany.

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As I am sure you are aware, the tasking of intelligence personnel to locate missing persons in these situations normally is outside of our carefully defined area of responsibility. We can and do, however, cooperate with other U.S. Government components abroad where we obtain information concerning their personnel, especially where the safety of any person may be in jeopardy, as appears could be the case here.

I am informed that there is a Status of Forces Agreement in effect between U.S. military authorities and a host government where our troops are stationed, which governs how matters such as this are to be handled. I believe you would be best served by writing directly to The Honorable John O. Marsh, Jr., Secretary of the Army, Washington, D.C., for an opinion on how this Agreement may affect situations such as this. In addition, the State Department has, in its Consular Affairs section, an Office of Citizens Services Emergency Center. Both the State and Army Departments are experienced in handling these matters and should be contacted directly for assistance.

Of course, our overseas personnel are aware they have a responsibility to report information which they may acquire pertaining to missing soldiers abroad. You can be assured if we come across any such information we will pass it to the appropriate authorities. However, I believe that State and the Army must play the primary role to assist [redacted] in locating [redacted]

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I wish them well.

Sincerely,

/s/ William J. Casey

William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence

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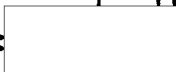
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May 6, 1982

Mr. William Casey
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Bill:

I have a special favor to ask of you. Enclosed are pictures which were sent to me by [redacted] I asked him to send these pictures because his son, [redacted] is AWOL in Germany and has not been heard from in three months. The family, of course, is most upset, and the circumstances are even more discouraging since his mother is ill.

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As you probably know, when a soldier goes AWOL the Department of the Army doesn't do anything to find him. A lot of pressure has been placed on this family since their son disappeared and I was hoping that your offices in Germany could be sent the pictures with the idea of possibly trying to locate this young man so that he can be returned to his family. I know that there is a strong possibility that he is on drugs and could be in some serious trouble.

I would appreciate anything that you can do to help find him. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

MARK ANDREWS
U.S. Senator

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