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Honorable Benjamin S. Rosenthal
Chairman
Subcommittee on Commerce, Consumer,
and Monetary Affairs
Committee on Government Operations
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. *Ben* Chairman:

Your letter of 8 September 1981 notifies us that you may find it necessary to utilize portions of seventeen classified documents previously furnished to the Subcommittee in connection with its investigation of OPEC country surpluses and foreign investment. You indicated that the subject matter of these documents is central to the Subcommittee's investigation and forthcoming report. To the extent that the Subcommittee's use of the documents will be consistent with their classification, I can see no problem. I could not agree, however, to any disclosure of classified information contained in the documents to persons lacking the requisite security clearances.

In an effort to accommodate the Subcommittee's interest in making some of the information contained in the documents public, senior officials of the three agencies involved in producing the documents will review them to determine whether and to what extent the documents may be declassified. This review can proceed more expeditiously if your staff can identify those portions of the documents which the Subcommittee wishes to use. [redacted], Associate General Counsel, is available to assist your staff with any details.

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Sincerely,

William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence

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