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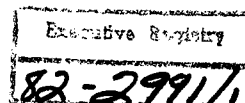
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May 10, 1982

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

Dear Mr. Casey:

Your letter of April 29th regarding my decision to bar two CIA analysts from the recent conference on nuclear proliferation arrived May 6th. I am concerned that you may misunderstand my motivation in taking the stand I did, and I hope this letter will clarify my actions.

In principle, I have no objections to having representatives of Central Intelligence--or any other government agency for that matter--in attendance at symposia, conferences or colloquia in which the agency may have a legitimate academic interest. Your points on academic freedom are well taken and shared by me. My decision to prevent the CIA analysts from attending this particular conference resulted from my belief that other participants in the conference had not been fully advised that the two government representatives were connected with the CIA.

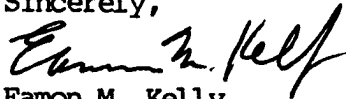
In certain pre-conference materials mailed to participants and speakers, individuals were identified by title and affiliation. The CIA analysts, however, were either not identified or merely identified as "government observers;" this lack of precision was Tulane's error. When I learned from Professor Brito, shortly before the conference was to begin, that the "government observers" were, in fact, CIA analysts, I felt that a serious problem could arise among the participants over the issue of full disclosure. Such a dispute would have been embarrassing both to the CIA and to Tulane, sidetracking the important purpose of the conference.

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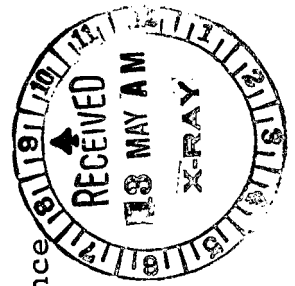
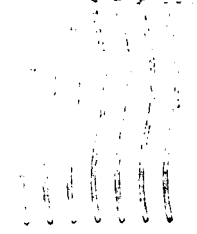
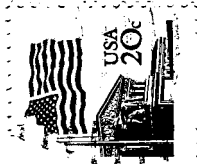
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Let me reiterate that I am not affixing any blame on the CIA. Rather, it appears that the organizers of the conference erred in not completely identifying the "government observers" well in advance of the conference. By the time I was apprised of their affiliation, I had no choice--in my judgment--but to disinvite the analysts. If my actions caused you or the analysts embarrassment, consternation or inconvenience, please accept my apologies; this was not my intention. Should you desire to discuss this matter in person, I will be happy to fly to Washington at our mutual convenience for that purpose.

Sincerely,



Eamon M. Kelly
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