

In response, please

refer to: 83-348

February 4, 1983

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

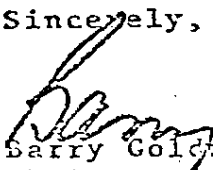
Dear Director Casey:

The Select Committee will begin authorization hearings on the Fiscal Year 1984 budget request for the National Foreign Intelligence Program in early March. The process will begin with an overview of the community-wide program. This will be followed by a number of additional hearings which will focus on functional areas and key topics within specific intelligence programs.

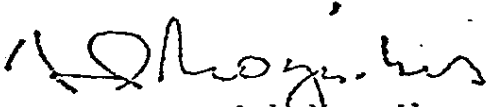
As in previous years, the emphasis throughout the hearing process should be on long term requirements. We want to assess the Community's ability to satisfy these requirements in peace, crisis, and war. Witnesses should highlight major deficiencies and gaps in existing capabilities, and clearly explain the specific activities required to improve performance. Witnesses should be ready to explain the relative priority and resource investments required to achieve improved capabilities and performance over the FY 1984-1988 period and beyond. They should make the connection between requirements and programs as specific as possible, and be able to show how activities will contribute to the achievement of the Community's goals.

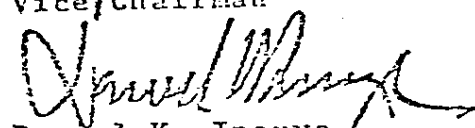
A schedule of the hearings is attached. We request that you make this letter and schedule available to appropriate officials in the Community.

Sincerely,


Barry Goldwater
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Malcolm Wallop
Chairman, Budget Subcommittee


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Vice Chairman


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