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

Dear Mr. Casey:

I would like to invite you or your designate to appear before the Joint Economic Committee's Subcommittee on International Trade, Finance, and Security Economics to present assessments of the Soviet and Chinese economies and their prospects in our annual hearings on "The Allocation of Resources in the Soviet Union and China."

You will recall that either the Director of Central Intelligence or his spokesman has appeared in this annual exercise each year since 1974.

Concerning the Soviet Union, we would like to focus on economic policy changes that have been made or are likely to be made under the new Andropov government, and an appraisal of the significance of these changes, as well as on economic performance in 1982 and so far in 1983, and the prospects for the next few years. We would also like to have a discussion of defense allocations, including recent trends.

Concerning China, we would like to concentrate on economic performance in 1982 and so far in 1983, Chinese economic priorities with respect to heavy and lighter industries, and the trend towards decentralization and the use of market-type economic incentives.

I would like you or your designate to provide a briefing to the Subcommittee in early September. This briefing would be held in closed, executive session as has been the case in the past.

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