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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

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9 AUG 1981

The Honorable Lionel H. Olmer  
Under Secretary for International Trade  
United States Department of Commerce  
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Lionel:

I share deeply your concerns regarding the implications for United States national security of losses of Western technology to the Soviet Union and other potentially hostile countries. As Director of Central Intelligence, I have initiated steps to improve the Intelligence Community's collection and analysis activities in support of United States export control policy and related technology transfer issues. [REDACTED]

Your proposal for a public awareness program, directed toward the American industrial and scientific communities, strikes me as being an integral part of the enhanced United States Government effort to stop such losses. I have, therefore, directed that we support wholeheartedly the International Trade Administration in further developing this program, within established legal guidelines and with due regard for the protection of sensitive intelligence sources and methods. [REDACTED]

I have recently established a Technology Transfer Center in the Office of Scientific and Weapons Research of CIA, and have asked Mr. E. Wayne Boring, the Director of that Office, to designate a member of the new Center to work with you on this project. Mr. Boring can be reached [REDACTED]

I believe that this program can and should lead to increased cooperation between the intelligence and export control communities in an area of vital importance to our national security. We will continue to work closely with you in bringing our mutual concerns to the American public's attention. [REDACTED]

Yours,

*WJ*  
William J. Casey

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The "backgrounder" you referenced in your cover memo to the Olmer letter is still being reviewed by the DDO and OGC. We have, therefore, made no reference to it in Mr. Casey's response. If and when these reviews are favorably concluded, we will coordinate the contents of the CIA "backgrounder" and Commerce's public awareness program.

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