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Mr. Charles L. Heatherly
Director
President's Commission on
White House Fellowships
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Dear Mr. Heatherly:

Thank you for your letter of 23 April 1984 to Mr. Casey regarding the new class of White House Fellows.

The Central Intelligence Agency wholeheartedly endorses the program's goal of giving young leaders the opportunity to work at the highest levels of the Federal Government. Unfortunately, as I mentioned in my 5 July 1983 response to Ms. June G. Walker's invitation to participate in the Presidential Executive Exchange Program, the relatively short period of time a program participant would be with us creates a difficult situation. Our front offices are small and operate with minimal compartmentation and exposing Fellows to sensitive classified material, even after a full security screening, is incompatible with our obligation to protect intelligence sources and methods. Assigning a Fellow to a lower level or more narrow element of the Agency is not fair to them. Thus, we have reluctantly concluded that it would be wise to discontinue our involvement in the program.

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Sincerely,

/s/Charles A. Briggs

Charles A. Briggs
Executive Director

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