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Paul:

Attached is the letter you requested.

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October 30, 1987

The Honorable Edwin Meese, III Attorney General Department of Justice 10th & Constitution Avenue, N.W. Room 5111 Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Meese:

the Senate Permanent As Chairman of Subcommittee Investigations, I have authorized the Subcommittee conduct a preliminary inquiry to determine the ability of U.S. Government to protect itself against the threat posed by overseas, specifically at our hostile intelligence services Recent events in Moscow, diplomatic missions. concerning questions have raised grave elsewhere counterintelligence oversight and investigative and prosecutive abilities of the U.S. Government abroad.

I am writing to the agencies charged with responsibilities in the area in order to elicit cooperation in determining the government's current policies and capabilities. This information is necessary for the Subcommittee to discharge its obligations in this matter.

Accordingly, I request that arrangements be made for a briefing of the Subcommittee Staff regarding the government's policies on the prosecution of espionage cases, with the focus being on any problems we face with investigative capabilities and coordination for offenses occurring overseas.

I greatly appreciate your cooperation in this matter, and I am sure you share my concerns in this regard. Please have your staff coordinate this request with Eleanore J. Hill, Counsel and Staff Director to the Subcommittee, David or Buckley, Staff Investigator, at 224-372 **D.J.** #

Sincerely, NOV 3 - 1987 Sam Nunn Chairman ASSIGM

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