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Honorable William E. Colby, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Director Colby:

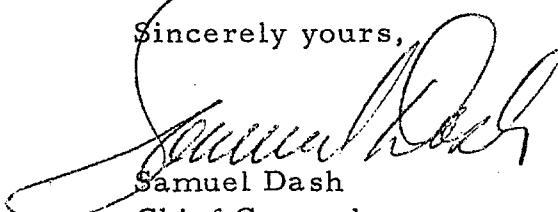
Please be advised that yesterday the Select Committee authorized the Committee staff to make a formal request of the CIA to declassify certain CIA-related materials and documents. The materials referred to are the Baker Report to the Committee, which is not classified but has been treated as such, the related Executive Session transcripts and the CIA documents in the possession of George Murphy of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy.

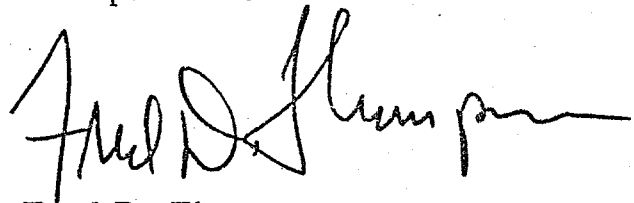
The Committee realizes that any matters of legitimate national security and matters of operational intelligence sources or methods should remain classified. The Committee anticipates no problem with regard to such matters.

We believe that the appropriate step to take initially would be for the Committee staff to meet with representatives of the CIA to discuss specific items which the CIA may contend should remain classified.

We would appreciate a response as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,


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