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National Archives and Records Service  
Washington, D.C. 20408

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Honorable Richard Helms  
Director, Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Helms:

Among the records of the Warren Commission which have previously been denied the public as falling within the exceptions to the Freedom of Information Act is the register of correspondence received by the Commission. As the successor agency to the Commission, the General Services Administration has recently had its denial of this record administratively appealed by private citizens who had requested access to it. Pursuant to the conclusions reached at a meeting attended by representatives of the National Archives, GSA's Office of General Counsel, and the Justice Department's Committee on the Freedom of Information Act, it was decided that it was not feasible to defend the nondisclosure of this particular record in court; therefore, we are tentatively planning its release to the requesting parties.]

However, prior to its release we have decided that it is in the best interests of the Government to solicit the review and comment of the Central Intelligence Agency on this matter. We do so because of the high percentage of correspondence from the CIA to the Warren Commission referred to in the register. A copy of the register is enclosed for your convenience.

Should you have any questions on this matter, please contact Steven Garfinkel, Office of General Counsel, Records and Administration Division, telephone code 183-5138 or 343-5138. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

JAMES B. RHOADS  
Archivist of the United States

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