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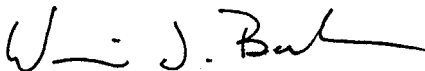
VIA FAX

Dear Mr. Hadley:

By letter dated September 22, 2006, the Public Interest Declassification Board provided notice of a request it had received from the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence pursuant to the Public Interest Declassification Act of 2000, as amended (Public Law 106-567) and sought authorization to proceed under section 704(e) of the amended Act.

The Board is committed to the timely discharge of its responsibilities to the President as well as Congress under the amended Act. As such, this is to advise you that the Board will proceed to fulfill its responsibilities under section 703(b)(5) of the amended Act in response to the request of the Committee unless we are otherwise advised by the President, or a person acting on his behalf. We will initiate the review process, to include close coordination with affected agencies, sometime after our next meeting on January 19, 2007, and once completed, we will provide the President with our recommendations as required by the aforesaid statute.

Sincerely,



for
L. BRITT SNIDER
Chair

cc: Mr. William H. Leary, Senior Director for Records and Access Management