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The Honorable Stansfield Turner  
Admiral, United States Navy  
The Director of Central Intelligence  
The Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Admiral Turner:

I am in receipt of your letter regarding recent media reports about statements made by me concerning the House Assassinations Committee and the role of certain journalists. I wish to make clear that my statements did not refer, and were not intended to refer, to the present Central Intelligence Agency.

I do consider it noteworthy, however, that on November 30, 1973, the Washington Star-News reported that the CIA employed some forty journalists who doubled as undercover contacts (see article enclosed herewith). Further, on December 1, 1973, the Washington Post carried a similar article, which is also enclosed. It is also noteworthy that one of the journalists named in these reports is covering the assassinations probe for one of our most widely read newspapers. While I am a strong supporter and advocate of hard, factual news coverage, I am concerned that some of the news reports have been unfair and without bases. Some of the reports, it seems, have been designed to discourage the probe by the House. I simply want to be certain that there is no connection between the manner in which news is reported, and the past relationship of certain journalists to the CIA.