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THE DIRECTOR ~~OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE~~  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

30 September 1998

Mr. Edward G. Abington  
Acting Assistant Secretary of State for  
Intelligence and Research  
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Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Edward:

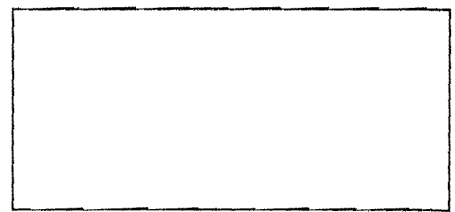
[redacted] Thank you for your letter of 15 September in which you expressed the Department's views regarding potential foreign sensitivities to the availability of declassified KH-7/KH-9 historical imagery, particularly that produced by the KH-9 [redacted]. I also note your recommendation that I postpone a final decision on KH-9 [redacted] [redacted] film declassification until the Intelligence Community has a chance to assess [redacted].

[redacted] As you know, the issue of blanket versus selective declassification of imagery from these systems is currently under consideration in the Historical Imagery Declassification Review (HIDR) process chaired by the National Imagery and Mapping Agency. I will certainly take the views you have conveyed to me into consideration when the HIDR completes its deliberations and forwards its recommendations to me.

Sincerely,

George J. Tenet

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