

Dear Mr. Director:

We have received a copy of a letter addressed to you from the head of the Swiss Federal Police dated November 24, 1995 and wish to ensure that the record is clear concerning the conduct of the Review Board in this matter.

I call your attention to the following sentence in the letter:

*We have no wish to conceal that we were irritated by the fact that copies of classified documents from our service had been handed over by the Review Board to the Swiss Ambassador in Washington, DC.*

To the extent that this sentence could be read to imply that the Review Board had acted in an unauthorized manner, I would like to assure you that the Review Board provided the documents (which were of FBI and *not* Swiss provenance) to the Swiss Ambassador only after receiving explicit authorization from the FBI to do so.

Sincerely,