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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

On behalf of the Senate Select Committee to Study Governmental Operations with Respect to Intelligence Activities, and pursuant to the mandate of Senate Resolution 21, I am transmitting herewith to the Senate two detailed staff reports which supplement Book I of the Committee’s final report, entitled Foreign and Military Intelligence. In addition, this Book contains the addenda to the Committee’s Interim Report on Alleged Assassination Plots and a composite of written interrogatories submitted by the Committee to former President Richard M. Nixon and his responses.

The turbulent history of the past 30 years is closely bound to reasons for the growth and evolution of the intelligence functions in the United States Government. The first study in this volume is an unclassified history of the Central Intelligence Agency. It is published to assist the Congress and the people of the United States to better understand the nature and character of the intelligence activities undertaken by their government. It is also intended to assist those who must make judgments about the necessity for intelligence activities by the United States in the future. The Select Committee is grateful for the assistance given by the Executive branch to the Committee in the preparation of this historical study.

The second study contained in this volume, “Intelligence and Technology”, was written by Dr. Richard Garwin, a distinguished scientist who has served the Select Committee as a consultant. It was prepared for the Committee in order to enable the Congress to understand the potential threats that intelligence technology can create for the rights of U.S. citizens. Successor committees will have the task of drafting charter legislation for the intelligence activities of the United States Government. This essay is intended to provide a glimpse into the future of intelligence technology so that in the drafting of new laws there could be a sufficient awareness of intelligence technology to make sensible balancing judgments between the needs of intelligence and the rights of American citizens guaranteed by the Constitution.

Once again I want to acknowledge the great effort, dedication, and talent of the Committee staff. Finally, I want to express the deep appreciation of the Committee to Senator Walter D. Huddleston for his work as Chairman of the Foreign and Military Intelligence Subcommittee and the work of the other Subcommittee members, Senator Charles McC. Mathias, Senator Gary Hart, and Senator Barry Goldwater.

FRANK CHURCH,  
Chairman.
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