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Lieutenant General Marshall S. Carter, USA (Ret) \\  
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Dear General Carter:

Pursuant to your approval of the visit proposed in my letter of 17 March 1983, members of my staff visited the Marshall Library from 4-7 April 1983. I would like to share with you the results of this visit.

The material in your files was far more extensive than anticipated since some of the "NSA era" material was filed in the alphabetical index covering the entire period of your government career. Most of the material relating to your NSA tenure posed no problem of a security nature, but:

. Two papers were found which were, in fact, stamped as classified. One was a message which was classified and compartmented. It was sanitized for the normal file and the recommendation made for the original to remain permanently closed.

. The second was a classified letter of foreign origin; we recommended that this remain closed.

. A third paper, one of several relating to a foreign award, was not marked with a classification, but it should have been. We added the classification and recommended that it remain closed.

. There were, in addition, several letters--without classification markings--which reflected an ongoing classified relationship. We recommended those remain closed.

. In one case, a Memorandum for the Record (M/R) which was attached to a letter should have been classified--but was not--because it revealed SECRET information. This M/R was marked with the classification and the recommendation made for it to be closed.

In the matter of the Friedman Collection, it appears that a portion of the collection which had been closed was opened in late 1978 or early 1979 by a former archivist (Anthony Crawford),

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apparently without authorization of any Library or Foundation officials. It was requested that portions of this material be closed again. In addition, two or three documents in this portion of the collection were stamped with a classification. We promised to provide the archivist with a paper to justify this closing action and we will do so.

Messrs. Fred Hadsel, Royster Lyle, and John Jacob were most cooperative and I believe our visit was mutually beneficial. I do regret that some of the materials that were supposed to be closed were in fact opened to private researchers, but I understand that this was not a management decision.

The 28 April 1983 article in the New York Times by Philip Taubman, resulting from the disclosure of my letter to you of 17 March 1983, is more annoying than damaging and resulted in a number of phone calls from the press as well as queries from other government agencies and the Congress. I believe we can take this all in stride.

I know you share my desire that the useful relationship between NSA and the Library continue without interruption.

Best wishes,

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M/R: (C) In a letter of 17 March 1983, to LTG Marshall S. Carter, USA (Ret), DIRNSA requested approval for Mike Levin, Q43, and Russ Fisher, T54, to visit the Marshall Library to review materials which had been seen by James Bamford in his research. The materials were in the collections of William Friedman and former Director Carter. Since Gen. Carter had closed his collection following publication of The Puzzle Palace, we asked his permission to see it and he granted that permission. On 28 April 83, Gen. Carter told the undersigned that his collection was supposed to have been closed all along, except to Forrest Pogue (the Gen George S. Marshall biographer). He had not authorized the library to open it to anyone else.

(FOUO) The visit went as planned, with Levin and Fisher arriving at Lexington on the afternoon of the 4th of April 1983. The visit started with discussions in the office of Royster Lyle, Curator of Collections, and proceeded to the vault, where Archivist, John Jacob, had arranged the Carter correspondence collection on tables for our review. The collection is a massive group of files, some by subject matter (e.g. the NSA years 1965-1969) but most by alphabetical index covering the entire period of Gen. Carter's government career starting with West Point through his retirement in 1969. To catch all possible items of interest in the NSA period we had to go through the alphabet.

(S) Upon completion of the Carter papers we reviewed some of the Friedman papers, particularly those that were supposed to have been closed. Of particular interest was the correspondence between Friedman and Boris Hagelin [redacted]

[redacted] A memo relating to this closure action is at Tab A (Anthony Crawford to Gen. Carter, Dec 6, 1976). A background memo by Lou Benson (now M509) on the same matter is at Tab B. This review was also in the vault.

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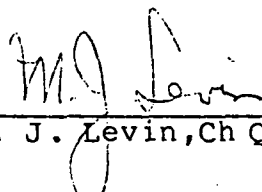
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(c) The letter to Gen. Carter summarizes our findings. The following additional items are of interest:

. John Jacob showed us a Memorandum for the Record prepared by former Archivist Anthony R. Crawford in late 1978/early 1979. Crawford wrote that he had written Gen. Carter about opening the portion of the Friedman Collection that had been closed since 1976 at the request of NSA. He also prepared, but never sent, a letter to NSA on the subject. He received no answer from Gen. Carter. He then unilaterally opened the collection--this at about the time Bamford was doing his basic research for his book. Jacob was reluctant to provide a copy of this M/R since it reflected adversely on Gen. Carter and the Library.

. We were shown the letter sent to Gen. Carter on 10 Oct 1980 (copy Tab C attached). It was the NSA "heads-up" occasioned by Bamford's efforts to interview former officials. On it Gen. Carter had penned "3/13/82 I never answered--nor ever needed guidance MSC".

  
M. J. Levin, Ch Q43, 5825s, 31 May 83, mmw