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The Honorable Robert F. Smith
118 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Smith:

Reference is made to your letter of May 19, 1983, addressed to the Office of Legislative Liaison, Department of Defense, and enclosing a May 6, 1983 letter from a constituent, Ann Kelly. Your letter has been referred to this Agency for appropriate response.

The article from the April 29, 1983 issue of The Oregonian enclosed with the letter from your constituent did not, in our view, contain a complete description of the visit by representatives of this Agency to the Marshall Library.

The Marshall Library has a government-authorized secure-storage facility and government-approved security clearances for archivists to permit the Library to hold classified and other sensitive government-originated information contained in the collections entrusted to it. The Library holds the collections of two former National Security Agency (NSA) officials; former Director of NSA, LTG Marshall S. Carter (also current President of the Marshall Foundation, the parent body of the Library), and William F. Friedman, a former senior cryptologist at NSA. Both of these collections contain some information which is classified or protected from disclosure by various statutes.

The NSA and the Marshall Library have had a long and mutually beneficial working relationship which has involved, inter alia, the declassification of much information contained in the Friedman Collection as well as providing the Library related historical material and the loan of certain government-owned equipment.

The visit at issue was made because it appeared from a recently published book that certain material that was supposed to be closed to the public had been exposed without formal authorization by the U.S. Government or the Library.

The NSA representatives advised the Library regarding the status of some properly classified information and of certain information which is protected by statute.

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The goal of the Agency and of the Library is to make the maximum amount of historical material available to the public for historical research while at the same time protecting valid national security-related information as required by law.

Sincerely,



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M/R: Congressman Smith received a letter from a constituent asking about the newspaper article by Mr. Taubman concerning NSA's visit to the Marshall Library. This letter provides the basic facts of that visit including our relationship with the library.

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