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30 June 1983

Ms. Ann Kelly

PL 86-36/50 USC 3605

Dear Ms. Kelly:

Thank you for your letter of May 6, 1983 to President Reagan concerning censorship by the National Security Agency (NSA). The President has asked us to respond directly to you.

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

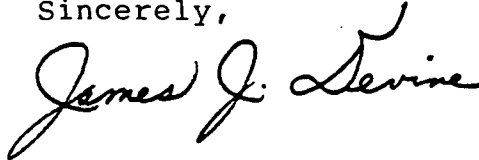
The NSA representatives advised the Library regarding the status of some properly classified information and of certain information which is protected by statute. The goal of the Agency and of the Library is to make the maximum amount of

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historical material available to the public for historical research while at the same time protecting valid national security-related information as required by law.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

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JAMES J. DEVINE  
Director of Policy

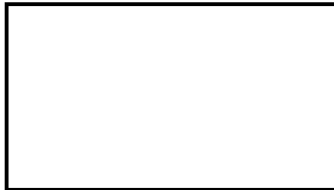
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M/R: The White House Office of Correspondence and Directives referred Ms. Kelly's letter to NSA for direct response. We have used the same text that was provided on 8 June 1983 (Serial N0789) to Congressman Smith in response to a similar request from Ms. Kelly to the Congressman. LAO recommended against referring to that correspondence in our reply to Ms. Kelly.

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