

Dear Bill,

As you submitted, "witting"  
(WITTING) was correct.

Again many thanks

John



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Dear John:

In the screed you left with me for reproduction in six copies there occurs this sentence:

"But if the enemy is ..... he can disrupt etc."

The seven-letter word represented by the periods could be the word "wilting," or "willing," or "witting." The first wouldn't fit the context at all; the second could fit but rather lamely; and the third does fit because it is an adjective meaning, according to Webster, "done knowingly" or "done not unintentionally" -- but it is a rare word, at least in my vocabulary. I imagine that the word is intended to be "witting" but I want to check with you before making it so.

Sincerely,

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