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Dear General Carter:

I appreciated your coming up to Denver last month so that we could talk. It is obvious that we share a common desire that collections of papers not be exploited unreasonably by researchers to expose classified or sensitive information, although this is often difficult to enforce. As a part of our continuing review of research materials used by author James Bamford, Mike Levin, Chief of the Information Security Division, and Russ Fisher, of our Archives and History Office, propose to visit the George C. Marshall Research Foundation during the period of 6-8 April 1983 and would like very much to take this opportunity to review your papers. The review would be for potential classification and historical reference purposes but obviously requires your approval since your files are closed. They will also be taking another look at the William Friedman collection. We would, of course, share with you the results of our review.

Sincerely,

LANCOLN D. FAURER Lieuxenant General, USAF Director, NSA/Chief, CSS

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M/R: We understand that some of the information in The Puzzle Palace was obtained by author James Bamford from the Carter papers in the Marshall library before the files were closed. NSA was not aware until The Puzzle Palace was published that former Director Carter had deposited papers relating to his Directorship at the Marshall Foundation. While we have from time to time reviewed the Friedman papers there, no one here is aware of what is in the Carter papers. We wish to review the papers in light of this discovery.

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