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W. E. Colby, Director
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Dear Mr. Colby:

This letter refers to the article by Seymour Hersh in the New York Times of May 25, 1975. In order that we may move ahead with the first steps necessary for a prosecution and also for a determination whether a prosecution should be undertaken, it is necessary for the Department of Justice to have answers to the following questions:

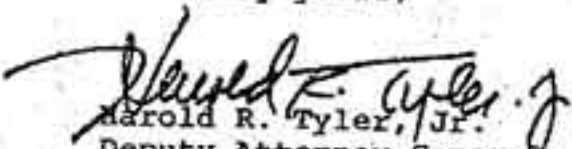
1. Date and identity of the article or release disclosing the classified information. (already known)
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10. Whether declassification had been decided upon prior to the publication or release of the data.
11. What effect the disclosure of the classified data could have on the national defense.

Sincerely yours,


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