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April 13, 1989

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Dear Mr. Gray:

I have received copies of two previously classified National Security Council documents released in connection with the Oliver North trial - a February 19, 1985 memorandum from Robert McFarlane to President Reagan entitled "Approach to the Hondurans Regarding the Nicaraguan Resistance," apparently initialed by Mr. Reagan, with attachments including a letter signed by Mr. Reagan to President Suazo of Honduras; and a February 20, 1985 memorandum to Mr. McFarlane from Oliver North and Raymond Burghart entitled "Presidential Letter to President Suazo of Honduras." A preliminary search of the House Iran/Contra Committee files and the recollection of several key former Committee staff suggests that these documents were never provided to the Committee. It is my impression, based on a preliminary check, that they were not provided to the Senate Iran/Contra Committee either.

In addition to these specific documents, there are other references in the prosecution's recently released 42-page stipulation of facts - particularly those in paragraphs 5, 7, 35, 36, 43, and 90 - which suggest to me that other relevant documents were not available to the Iran/Contra Committees. I am less certain of this, of course, because I have not yet seen the specific classified documents which these paragraphs of the stipulation summarize. However, the Inter-Agency Review Group at the White House should be intimately familiar with the underlying documents.

The documents I have cited and those to which the numbered paragraphs refer appear to me to be within the scope of the Iran/Contra Committees' requests to the executive branch. I cannot imagine any doubt on that score or on the documents' obvious relevance to key issues Congress was investigating. I personally have no recollection of having seen such materials and am convinced that if I had, I would remember any which appeared to involve the President or Vice President.

As you know, some White House documents deemed particularly sensitive were reviewed but not retained by the House Committee. Staff notes on these documents were sealed and retained at the White House. Intelligence Committee staff members who served on the Iran/Contra Committee should be permitted to examine these notes to determine whether any of the documents in question may have been reviewed before.

I also understand that more individual documents may be released in the near future. If I am able to identify others which the Committee may not have received, I will do so by subsequent letter.

Whether these or other relevant materials were withheld from the Iran/Contra Committees is an important question which should be resolved quickly. I therefore urge you to undertake an immediate review to determine whether documents were withheld from the Iran/Contra Committees and to identify such documents, if any, to me and explain why they may have been withheld.

I look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lee H. Hamilton", written over the word "Sincerely,".

LEE H. HAMILTON
Member of Congress