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16 January 1978

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Dear Steve:

Re: Horman v. Kissinger, et al., U.S.D.C., D.C.
Civil Action No. 77-1748

This is in response to your recent request for copies of all CIA documents relating to the subject matter of above-referenced action. This request follows a 22 November meeting we had in my office in which you were both shown copies of relevant CIA documents and were given an oral briefing regarding the Agency's non-involvement in the substance of the plaintiffs' allegations. As you know, our sole interest in this matter

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At your request, I am enclosing a copy of my 22 November 1977 letter to the Chief, General Litigation Section, Civil Division. As you recall, this letter was specifically requested by him at an earlier meeting you also attended

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I am also providing you with a copy of a 17 August 1976 letter from CIA to Edmund C. Horman in response to a request which he had made under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act.

In addition, you have asked for a copy of

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DATE: June 2, 2000

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Although security considerations preclude the release of these documents from CIA custody, you are free to examine them at any time here at the Agency. If this is inconvenient, I can arrange for an Agency courier to bring these materials to your office on a daily basis whenever you need to review them. Although we cannot permit copies of the materials to be made, you may take whatever notes that you wish based on the two documents, provided that these notes are kept in the authorized safe which you have in your office. The documents themselves will be picked up by our courier each evening.

The above materials constitute the totality of CIA documents relating to Charles Horman and the circumstances surrounding his death. There are, as you know, copies of State Department cables regarding this matter in our possession which that Department is in a more appropriate position to furnish you. However, pursuant to your request and in order to facilitate your inquiries to State in this regard, I am enclosing a listing of the cable numbers, dates, classification, and general subject matter of each of these State Department cables.

If I may be of further assistance, please advise.

Sincerely,

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Assistant General Counsel

Enclosures

cc: [REDACTED] O/SA/DO/O

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