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Mr. Daniel P. Mulhollan
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Dear Mr. Mulhollan:

The Congress last year approved legislation signed by the President consolidating the counterintelligence programs of the Department of Energy (DOE) and the National Nuclear Security Administration under the direction and control of the Secretary of Energy. During the past several years, Congressional Research Service (CRS) analysts have examined the advantages and disadvantages of such a consolidation, as well as other related options.

In view of the legal mandate calling for program consolidation, we respectfully request that CRS evaluate how DOE is implementing its new intelligence and counterintelligence policies. We would expect such an evaluation to include interviews with DOE officials at Department headquarters and at its laboratories. An evaluation by CRS will provide the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of this Committee an independent, objective, and non-partisan assessment that will prove useful as the Subcommittee assesses DOE activities in these important areas. We further request that CRS analysts Alfred Cumming and Todd Masse, both of whom are well qualified by their experience, be assigned to this project.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact John F. Sopko, Chief Counsel for Oversight, at extension 5-7469 or Alan Slobodin, Chief Minority Counsel for Oversight, at extension 5-3641.

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