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Michael V. Hayden
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Dear Director Hayden:

For years I have expressed deep concern about the possibility that the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) has been corrupted by rogue elements within the Agency. I have complained to the President of the United States, the Director of National Intelligence (DNI), and you that the Intelligence Community, specifically the CIA on many occasions, has purposefully evaded giving the U.S. Congress the information necessary to perform constitutional oversight of intelligence activities. The substance of the recently published CIA Inspector General's Report of Investigation entitled *(U) Procedures Used in Narcotics Airbridge Denial Program in Peru, 1995-2001* further confirms that my concerns are well-founded.

The report appears to establish grave misconduct both in the management of the airbridge denial program and in actions taken after the tragic failure of the program. Several of its findings require aggressive follow-up, including CIA's repeated failure to follow procedures that resulted in loss of life; false or misleading statements to Congress by CIA officials, up to and including former Director George Tenet; and potential obstruction of justice by CIA employees with respect to a Department of Justice (DoJ) criminal investigation. In addition, it appears that key portions of the report describing such misconduct have been arbitrarily classified, possibly to conceal extremely damaging findings from the public and the families of the victims.

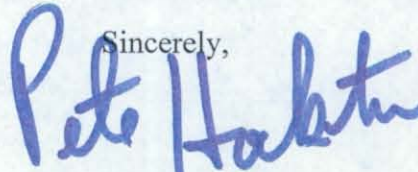
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I will repeat to you what I said when I testified over seven years ago in front of the Committee on Government Reform: "a young woman, Roni Bowers, a daughter, a wife, a mother, a friend, and a woman dedicated to sharing her faith with the people of Peru, along with her young, adopted daughter, Charity was killed, senselessly and needlessly. There was no reason, there was no purpose, there was no gain." The report clearly indicates that circumstances surrounding the death of the Bowers were even more senseless and avoidable than I originally imagined.

As long as the CIA is unwilling to accept responsibility for its actions, people will continue to put in question the trust they should have for the CIA. Whether it is the CIA's senior management or simply rogue elements within the CIA, you are now fully accountable for ending the duplicitous behavior of those under your charge. The men and women of the CIA are dedicated civil-servants, so to allow their legacy to be bankrupted by a few is unconscionable.

I will not let this matter rest as it stands.

Sincerely,



Peter Hoekstra