

Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D.C. 20505

24 February 2004

The Honorable Duncan Hunter
Chairman
Committee on Armed Services
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Intelligence Authorization Act for fiscal year 2004 provides for submission by 15 February 2004 of a report on security background investigations and security clearance procedures. We anticipate completion of the report and submission to Congress on or about 23 April 2004.

The Act provides: "The Director of Central Intelligence, the Secretary of Defense, the Attorney General, the Director of Personnel Management, and the heads of other appropriate Federal departments and agencies (as determined by the President) shall jointly submit to the appropriate Committees of Congress a report on the utility and effectiveness of the current security background investigations and security clearance procedures of the Federal Government in meeting the purposes of such investigations and procedures."

The Director of Central Intelligence's Special Security Center (DSSC) has been assigned lead responsibility to prepare the report. Given the scope and complexity of this action, an extension will allow the DSSC to collect data from and coordinate responses with appropriate agencies and departments.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me or have a member of your staff call Barbara Tato of my staff at (703) 482-7047.

The Honorable Duncan Hunter

Originals of this letter are also being sent to the Chairman and Ranking Democratic Member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Chairmen of the House and Senate Committees on the Judiciary.

Sincerely,


for Stanley M. Moskowitz
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