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The Honorable John S. Foster
Deputy Director of Research and Engineering
Department of Defense

Dear John:

As you may recall, I recently sent you a letter indicating that the Agency was unable to continue support of certain animal programs due to lack of definitive requirements and budgetary restrictions. This did not include the marine animal (dolphin) program.

Recently the Director indicated his continuing interest in the marine animal program. This stimulated a series of meetings with representatives of ARPA and the Department of Navy which resulted in a proposed DOD/CIA program including joint funding of the marine animal program and ARPA funding of the guard dog program. ARPA requested that technical management of these programs be undertaken by the Agency and the Director agreed to this.

My previous letter may have been misinterpreted with respect to the Agency's judgment as to the usefulness of animals. From a technical viewpoint, there is a high probability that animals

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will be able to carry out a number of useful, if not unique, tasks of interest to the Department of Defense and to CIA. We very much hope that these animal systems investigations will be carried to a further stage of development.

There has been an extremely close and fruitful exchange of information, support and facilities involving the Agency, ARPA, and the Department of Navy. We very much hope that this relationship will continue to exist and that we may both share in the benefits.

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