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

Dear John:

You are aware that our Office of Research and Development has undertaken projects to determine the feasibility of using animals and birds for certain intelligence activities. Some of this work has been jointly funded by ARPA. The Agency has recently reviewed these programs and has decided to discontinue them. This decision was based on the lack of firm operational requirements. It should be noted, however, that technically these programs have progressed exceptionally well.

We are prepared to undertake an orderly transfer of these programs to ARPA should you decide you wish to continue them on your own. Some funds are available in FY 1968 to assist in an orderly transfer. We will not, however, be able to provide any funds in fiscal year 1969 for the continuation of these programs. This decision does not include the DOLPHIN project which will be reviewed by the Agency within the next few months.

Yours truly,

Carl E. Duckett
Deputy Director
for
Science and Technology

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