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**Mr. James D. Johnston**  
Executive Secretary  
DoD Civilian /Military Service Review Board  
SAF Personnel Council  
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Dear Mr. Johnston:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I received from the CIA. This letter is referring to a cover letter attached to your letter dated August 1, 2003 where you asked for clarification on certain comments in my application and asked 20 other questions. This instance is the only time I have asked for assistance. Mr. Johnston, I would not have initiated this effort had I not perceived a spirit of cooperation from the CIA, and that was the basis of my original letter to them. Their response appeared to be positive and indicated they would respond to queries from the Department of the Air Force. Evidence of direct military support by CAT/AAM employees and the answers to some of your questions may only be available from them, and for that reason I forwarded your letter and questions. I thought your letter through me would satisfy their requirement and I would not have been opposed to them answering you direct. Apparently, the CIA considers me to be a third party even though I am the applicant and wish to only respond to correspondence that comes direct to them from the Secretary of the Air Force or other appropriate DoD official. I answered your letter myself when I did not hear from the Agency. However, I may not have answered the questions sufficiently. I am respectfully asking you and the members of the Board to ask the Agency direct for any information that may be needed to justify eligibility. I understand from previous correspondence that the Board will not normally perform investigative work. In this case, and under these circumstances, I am hoping for some latitude and trust the Agency will cooperate with direct communications on a timely basis.

Sincerely,

  
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CC: Mr. Martin C. Petersen