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June 18, 1976

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Chairman
Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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(PURSUANT TO S. RES. 400, 94TH CONGRESS)

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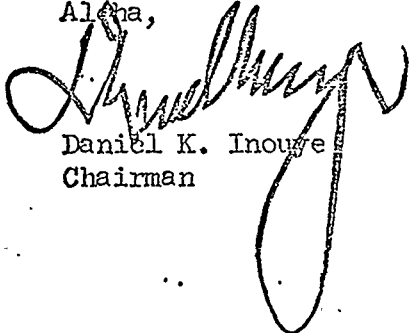
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Honorable Clarence M. Kelley
 Director
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 J. Edgar Hoover Building
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Dear Director Kelley:

Thank you for your letter of June 22, 1976, calling my attention to the important questions raised by the proposed testimony in various judicial proceedings of a former employee of the Senate Select Committee to Study Governmental Operations with Respect to Intelligence Activities. I am concerned about the possible impact of events such as this on the work of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and I have instructed William G. Miller, the Committee's staff director to be sure that the issues which are raised are considered during the drafting of both the Committee's rules and the Committee's employment agreements.

Aloha,



Daniel K. Inoué
 Chairman

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