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Honorable Walter B. Smith Director of Central Intelligence Central Intelligence Agency Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Smith:

There is transmitted herewith a copy of the letter replying to the request of the House Judiciary Subcommittee for a list of all cases referred to this Department by other agencies for civil or criminal action.

Compliance with this request has been declined on the ground that it constitutes what Mr. Justice Holmes has characterized as a "fishing expedition for the chance that something discreditable might turn up."

If your agency has received a similar request from the House Judiciary Subcommittee, it is respectfully suggested that the answer submitted by this Department be given careful consideration in connection with any reply which you may contemplate.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph C. Duggen,

Assistant Attorney General Executive Adjudications Division

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