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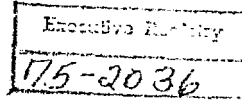
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Honorable William E. Colby  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Colby:

The Senate Subcommittee on Administrative Practice and Procedure will be holding a hearing on May 6 regarding the practices and procedures of federal agencies in the area of electronic surveillance.

At Subcommittee hearings last year, former Attorney General Saxbe testified that he knew of no agencies besides the Justice Department which conducted warrantless surveillance. He may not have been referring to surveillance outside the United States, but the possible ambiguity of his testimony makes even more important our determining the precise extent, nature, and parameters of electronic surveillance in each government agency. Since current information about the Central Intelligence Agency's practices in this area is important to the Subcommittee's inquiry, I would appreciate it if you would provide the Subcommittee with the following information prior to our hearing:

1. The specific statutory or other authority for the Central Intelligence Agency's conduct of electronic surveillance of any type (including wiretaps, bugs, and any other uses of any device or apparatus which can be used to intercept a wire or oral communication).

2. A copy of all guidelines, procedures, rules and regulations relating to the conduct of electronic surveillance. Please also provide a copy of any such procedures that were in effect at any time since 1960, or are planned for the future.

3. An indication of whether the agency's conduct, or authority to conduct, electronic surveillance includes or has included the following, and if so, the specific

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statutory or other authority for each category:

- a. Electronic surveillance conducted within the United States;
- b. Electronic surveillance conducted in foreign countries;
- c. Electronic surveillance of communications between the United States and a foreign country;
- d. Electronic surveillance of American citizens;
- e. Electronic surveillance of foreign citizens;
- f. Electronic surveillance conducted pursuant to a court order obtained under the provisions of sections 2516 and 2518 of title 18, United States Code;
- g. Electronic surveillance conducted with the consent of one of the parties to the conversation;
- h. Electronic surveillance conducted without a court order obtained under the provisions of sections 2516 and 2518 of title 18, United States Code, and without the consent of one party;
- i. Electronic surveillance of conversations in which one or more parties is an employee of the Central Intelligence Agency;
- j. Electronic surveillance of telephone or other conversations on CIA bases, installations, or premises.

4. For each category listed under question 3 above, the number of electronic surveillances in place on April 1, 1975, and the number of electronic surveillances in place at any time during the calendar years 1960 through 1974 (with a description of the method used in computing these figures).

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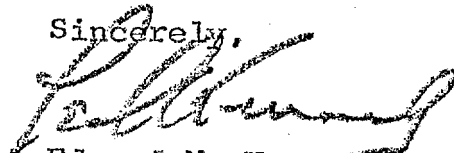
5. Please indicate whether the approval of the Attorney General or any other federal official must be obtained for any electronic surveillance initiated, conducted or requested by the Central Intelligence Agency, and whether the Attorney General or any other federal official (including the Director of Central Intelligence) must be notified of such electronic surveillances.

6. Please provide a copy of all procedures for evaluating, reviewing, and disseminating information obtained from electronic surveillance by the CIA.

7. Please indicate, for each calendar year from 1960 through 1974, the number of electronic surveillances installed, conducted, maintained or monitored by any person or organization, or by any unit or employee of any state, local, or foreign government (including state, local, or foreign police officials or employees), that were directed, supervised, made at the request of, made with the knowledge of, initiated by, made for the use of, or connected in any other way with the CIA or any employee thereof.

The information requested is extremely important to the Subcommittee's inquiry into this area. Because the hearing will be held on May 6, it is important for us to have the responses to these questions by May 2.

Sincerely,



Edward M. Kennedy  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Administrative  
Practice and Procedure