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Chief, Executive and Planning Staff

Dear [Redacted]

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I have received your MHQ-8188 regarding the suggestion to close Key West Bureau in favor of a remote monitoring operation. I appreciate your informing me of the proposal and of the team which has been appointed to study the matter.

After some deliberation, I decided to apprise all Key West staffers of the situation, not only because they are directly involved but to get their ideas. We are presently getting our thoughts in order and I will be forwarding them to Marty. I trust we will be able to present "our case" on paper, if not in person.

The only concern expressed here regarding the composition of the team was inclusion of [Redacted] originator of the proposal. I gave assurance that it was not a case of the prosecutor also serving on the jury. STAT

Thanks again for keeping us informed. My regards to Georgia.

Sincerely yours,

[Redacted Signature]

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/ Chief, Key West Bureau

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Executive and Planning Staff

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Dear [Redacted]

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I have just received [Redacted] letter regarding [Redacted] proposal to close Key West Bureau in favor of a remote monitoring operation. He included his memo setting up the team and a copy of [Redacted] 27 November suggestion.

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I have informed all staffers here of the study in order to get their ideas on the subject. As soon as I have the thoughts of them all I'll outline them to you in a future letter.

I feel almost like a defense attorney. My tenure here, short as it has been, has convinced me of the value of the operation, and I would hate to see it discontinued unless it were absolutely necessary.

I'm looking forward to hearing from you and will try and obtain answers to any questions you may have. I am ready to present "our defense" in person should you and the team think it advisable.

Sincerely yours,

[Redacted Signature]

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Chief, Key West Bureau