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Dear Cary:

As I mentioned to you a few days ago, Dan Finn, Minority Counsel to the SSCI, requested our views on legislation that Senator Metzenbaum may introduce that would restrict tape recording by federal officials of telephone conversations. Enclosed at Tab A is the letter from Mr. Finn requesting our views and a copy of the legislation Mr. Metzenbaum may introduce.

As you are aware, last year the Administration was opposed to enactment of legislation that would restrict tape recording by federal officials of telephone conversations. The Agency continues to support that position. We have therefore drafted a letter opposing this legislation. A copy of that letter is enclosed at Tab B. I would appreciate your review of this letter to determine whether it is consistent with the position of the Department of Justice.

Sincerely,



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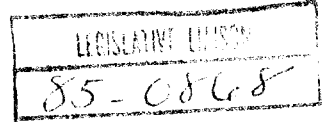
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As I mentioned to you a few days ago, staff on the Judiciary Committee have referred me the enclosed bill which would prohibit federal officials from tape-recording their own official telephone calls. The staff is concerned to be sure that the exemptions included for intelligence activities are sufficient to safeguard these activities from undue limitation under the bill.

I would appreciate having your office take a look at this bill to see if lawful and authorized foreign intelligence or counterintelligence operations could be affected in any way. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Daniel P. Finn
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