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Mr. Sven Erik Holmes Staff Director and General Counsel Select Committee on Intelligence United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Holmes:

This is in response to your 1 June 1988 letter concerning the Committee's Audit and Investigation Staff room 401 in Key Building.

Two events have occurred which have delayed the improvements required for the room. First, there is a survey in progress throughout Key Building to identify and remove asbestos. That survey has taken much longer than anticipated and has caused all physical improvements to be suspended until its completion. This was completed for the room occupied by the Committee staff on 9 June 88.

Second, the original plan for the host office of the Committee to move to our new Headquarters Building in the fall was changed, and we have now requested that room 401 be brought up to SCIF standards. We are advised that all related work will be completed within the next two weeks.

In the interim, a waiver was requested and received in order for the staff to store SCI material in a four drawer safe in room 401. For your records, this letter is written confirmation of that waiver. We understand the safes located in room 401 have combinations set by your Director of Security that are held only by the Committee staff.

Please be assured we are very mindful of the Committee's concerns regarding the security of their material, and since the staff is located in one of our buildings we are confident their material is safe. We will stay in close contact with the staff as the work progresses.

Sincerely,

John L. Helgerson

Director of Congressional Affairs

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