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Sven:

Per your request, enclosed is a copy of the press release on the Blandon testimony.



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CIA STATEMENT ON BLANDON TESTIMONY

CIA categorically denies Blandon's assertions that it furnished any such information regarding US Senators and their staffers to the Government of Panama. CIA is prohibited by law (EO 12333 and Attorney General's approved implementing procedures) from collecting or retaining information on the personal lives of US officials and US citizens. CIA does not engage in this practice. Under the law, CIA may only collect or retain information on US persons if it is of legitimate foreign intelligence or counterintelligence value.

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