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Mr. John R. Bartels, Jr.
Acting Administrator
Drug Enforcement Administration
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Bartels:

At the request of Mr. John E. Ingersoll, then Director of the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, this Agency has in the past year rendered assistance [redacted]

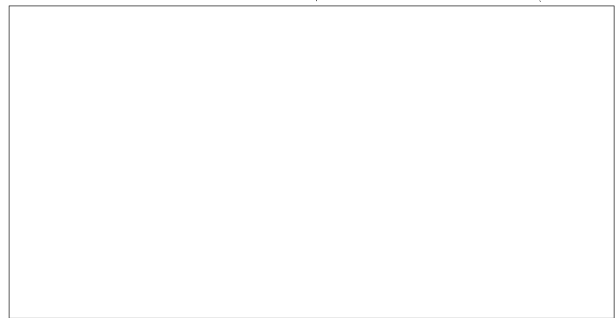
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[redacted] The basic purpose of the assistance rendered by the Agency was to assist the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs in the maintenance of security in connection with activities directed against international drug traffic.

Concurrently with the establishment of the new Drug Enforcement Administration, the Agency has been asked by members of your staff to consider continuation of the assistance previously rendered the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs. I have carefully reviewed this request in light of the prohibition in the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, "That the Agency shall have no police, subpoena, law-enforcement powers, or internal-security functions." In order to avoid any possible misinterpretation, I have determined that the Agency should discontinue this assistance and it is requested that appropriate arrangements be made to terminate the ongoing administrative support.

Please be assured that I intend that the Agency shall continue to cooperate fully with the Drug Enforcement Administration in other

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respects as we have done in the past with the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs under the auspices of the Cabinet Committee on International Narcotics Control.

Sincerely,

/s/ W. E. Colby

W. E. Colby

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