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31 MAY 1973

Honorable Sam J. Ervin, Jr., Chairman
Select Committee on Presidential
Campaign Activities
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have your letter of 22 May 1973 pertaining to certain papers and memoranda of a classified nature which were the subject of a court proceeding initiated by John Wesley Dean, III. I understand that a similar letter was sent to the Secretary of Defense and a copy of the Deputy Secretary of Defense's letter of 25 May in response has been forwarded to us for our information.

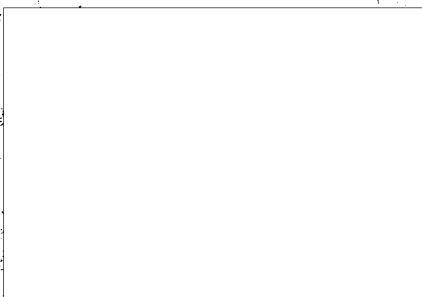
I appreciate your letter and the Committee's cooperation regarding problems relating to the sensitivity of certain of these documents. In return, I want to assure you of this Agency's desire to cooperate with your Committee to the fullest extent. To this end I have asked our General Counsel, Mr. Lawrence Houston, to contact your Chief Counsel and to assist him in every way possible.

If we can be of further service in connection with the work of your Committee, please call on us.

Sincerely,

/s/ James R. Schlesinger

James R. Schlesinger
Director



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