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The Honorable William B. Saxbe
Attorney General of the United States
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Saxbe:

I am enclosing a copy of proposed legislation which I sent recently to the Office of Management and Budget, requesting its advice with respect to submitting the legislation to the Congress. The purpose of the legislation is to provide penal sanctions for the unauthorized disclosure of intelligence sources and methods. I am responsible statutorily for the protection of intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure, but there are no sanctions or implementing authority.

Recently, serious damage was done to our foreign intelligence effort as a result of unauthorized disclosure of information relating to intelligence sources and methods. Hopefully, the proposed legislation would act as a deterrent and would allow for successful prosecution of violators.

Undoubtedly, the Office of Management and Budget will seek your advice on this legislation. I would be most appreciative if you would advise me if you have any comments or suggestions.

Sincerely,

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Director