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Wiretapping

April 20, 1962

Dear:

Thank you for your comments regarding pending legislation relating to wiretapping methods which is before the Senate Judiciary Committee. Hearings have been conducted on the proposal introduced by Senator Keating, S. 1086, as well as the administration's bill, S. 2813, and while now in recess, will be resumed in the near future.

In general, I believe that S. 1086 is a good measure because the use of wiretapping to procure evidence is pretty generally safeguarded against any abuse. I am pretty sure this will come on for action during the present session and I will give it good attention.

Sincerely,

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June 1, 1962

Dear :

I appreciate your communication with respect to the bill pending before the Senate Judiciary Committee dealing with wiretapping by federal officials. A vast amount of testimony has been taken and in due course the Committee will consider the problem for ultimate disposition in executive session.

Although wiretapping generally has been an approved practice in securing evidence, particularly in criminal, national security and subversion cases, the general feeling is that this authority must be extremely well guarded against any possible abuse and I am sure the Committee will have this in mind when the measure receives further consideration.

Sincerely,

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