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The Honorable Don Edwards
Chairman, Subcommittee on Civil and
Constitutional Rights
Committee on the Judiciary
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Edwards:

This will respond to your letter of November 2, 1989 to the Attorney General requesting copies of two opinions prepared by the Office of Legal Counsel on the subject of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's extraterritorial law enforcement authority, one dated June 21, 1989, and one dated March 31, 1980.

I am enclosing a copy of the 1980 opinion, which the Office of Legal Counsel formally published as part of a collection of opinions in 1985. We are unable to provide you with a copy of the 1989 opinion that you have requested, because it is the established view of the Department of Justice that current legal advice provided by the Office of Legal Counsel is confidential.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol T. Crawford".

Carol T. Crawford
Assistant Attorney General

Enclosure