April 29, 1998

Mr. L. Ralph Mecham  
Director, Administrative Office 
of the United States Courts  
Washington, DC 20544

Dear Mr. Mecham:

This report is submitted pursuant to the Foreign 
Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, Title 50, United States 
Code, Section 1807, as amended.

During calendar year 1997, 749 applications were made for 
orders and extension of orders approving electronic 
surveillance or physical search under the Act. The United States Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court issued orders 
for 748 applications granting authority to the Government for 
the requested electronic surveillance and physical searches. 
In one case, although satisfied as to the probable cause to 
believe the target to be an agent of a foreign power, the court 
decided to approve the application as plead for other reasons, 
and gave the government leave to amend the application. The 
government has filed a motion to withdraw that case as it has 
become moot. No orders were entered which modified or denied 
the requested authority.

Sincerely,

Janet Reno