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Señor Juez Magistrado  
del Juzgado Central No. 5 de la  
Audiencia Nacional  
Don BALTAZAR GARZÓN y/o  
Magistrado Subrogante

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Dear Judge Garzon:

For the past year, the United States Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Governmental Affairs has conducted a detailed investigation into alleged instances of money laundering and foreign corruption involving the clients of a U.S. bank known as Riggs Bank. On July 15, 2004, the Subcommittee held a hearing and released the enclosed report, "Money Laundering and Foreign Corruption: Enforcement and Effectiveness of the Patriot Act," which was prepared by my staff to summarize the inquiry.

During the course of its investigation, the Subcommittee obtained evidence that, between 1994 and 2002, Riggs Bank opened and managed multiple bank accounts and certificates of deposit for Augusto Pinochet Ugarte. The evidence indicates that Riggs Bank handled substantial funds for Mr. Pinochet during the period in which his assets were the subject of an attachment order issued by your court. In re Pinochet, Auto del Juzgado Central Instruccion No. 5 (10/19/98). Because this attachment order is referenced in Footnote 83 of the report, I respectfully request an accurate copy of the order for the Subcommittee's records. In addition, please let us know if you have any objection to including a copy of the attachment order in our official hearing record, which is made available to the public. If you do object to its inclusion, we will not place the attachment order in the public record.

Thank you for your assistance in this important matter. Please place a copy of the attachment order in the enclosed envelope which is prepaid for overnight delivery to the Subcommittee. For more information, please contact Elise Bean of my staff. She is the Subcommittee Staff Director and Chief Counsel to the Minority, and can be reached at (202) 224-9505 or [elise\\_bean@govt-aff.senate.gov](mailto:elise_bean@govt-aff.senate.gov). Thank you again.

Sincerely,



Carl Levin  
Ranking Minority Member  
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

Enclosures

cc: Senator Norman Coleman  
Chairman  
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations