Department of Justice Washington 20530

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Roderick M. Hills, Chairman Securities & Exchange Commission Washington, D.C.

Dear Chairman Hills:

As you know, the Department of Justice is currently investigating alleged illicit payments by American multinational corporations to foreign nationals to determine whether such payments have violated Federal criminal statutes. In connection with that effort, I would appreciate your making available your investigative files concerning such payments made by or on behalf of the following companies:

- 1. General Telephone and Electronics Corporation
- 2. Northrop Corporation (including its subsidiary, Page Communications)
- 3. Boeing Aircraft Corporation
- 4. Brad Ragen, Inc.

I appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

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