

- 1 - Mr. Adams
- 1 - Mr. Moore
- 1 - Mr. Gow
- 2 - Mr. [Redacted]
- December 29, 1978
- 1 - Mr. [Redacted]

Assistant Attorney General
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Director, FBI

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ASSASSINATION OF CONGRESSMAN LEO RYAN;
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Reference is made to your letter dated
December 27, 1978, of which a copy is attached. (u)

Your letter advised of a request by the House
International Relations Committee concerning an inquiry
being conducted by that Committee into an ongoing FBI
criminal investigation. (u)

It is our policy to furnish no documentation to
a Committee of Congress pursuant to its request where the
inquiry involves an ongoing FBI investigation. Each
Congressional request is received, the Department of Justice
consulted, and a determination made as to the propriety of
furnishing specific information and/or documentation. In
view of the sensitive nature of our investigation and the
involvement of the Federal Grand Jury, it would not be
proper to furnish documentation or specific information to
the Committee at this time. Our position is necessary to
protect our investigative responsibilities. As you know,
representatives of the FBI provided a general briefing to
the staff of this Committee on December 26, 1978. (u)

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This letter will confirm the conversation of
Associate Director Adams and yourself on December 28, 1978,
reiterating our position to decline to furnish specific
information concerning a pending investigation. (u)

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Signed by Mr. D.W. Moore
for the Director - given
to [Redacted] for delivery
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Hand carried to AAG, Criminal
this date 12/29/78 JTM