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Clerk of the Senate
Patrick F. Scallion
State House, Room 335
Boston, MA 02133

RE: Annual Report of Wiretap Interceptions
to the General Court Pursuant to G.L. c. 272, §99R

Dear Mr. Scallion:

Pursuant to the requirements set forth in General Laws Chapter 272, Section 99R, I hereby submit this report to the general court on behalf of the Attorney General’s Office for the calendar year of 2000.

The number of applications made for electronic surveillance warrants during 2000 totaled thirty one (31). On ten (10) of those applications, the names of the applicants were Assistant Attorneys General William Bloomer and Eileen O’Brien. On seven (7) other applications, the applicants’ names were Assistant Attorneys General William Bloomer and Peter Paulousky. Of the remaining fourteen (14) applications, the names of the applicants were Assistant Attorneys General William Bloomer and Aloke Chakravarty. Thirty one (31) wiretap warrants were issued by the Massachusetts Superior Court.

The effective dates for each of the thirty one (31) warrants, including renewal periods, are as follows:

07/10/00 through 07/18/00
07/10/00 through 08/16/00
07/12/00 through 08/16/00
07/18/00 through 08/07/00
07/26/00 through 08/10/00
07/26/00 through 08/10/00
The number of designated offenses pertaining to these wiretap applications totaled four (4). These designated offenses are defined in G.L. c. 272, §99B(7) as “the possession or sale of any narcotic or harmful drug”, “extortion”, “lending of money or things of value in violation of the general laws” (also known as criminal usury or loansharking), and “gaming”. The number of renewals for warrants pertaining to the possession and distribution of narcotics was thirteen (13). There were six (6) renewal warrants for each of the designated offenses of extortion, gaming, and criminal usury.

The number of interceptions made during the 2000 calendar year in connection with the designated offense of possession and distribution of narcotics totaled 1,865.

The number of interceptions made during the 2000 calendar year in connection with the designated offense extortion totaled 2,323.

The number of interceptions made during the 2000 calendar year in connection with the designated offense gaming totaled 50.
The number of interceptions made during the 2000 calendar year in connection with the designated offense of criminal usury totaled 50.

As a result of the interceptions referred to above, thirty one (31) individuals were indicted in the Superior Court or charged in the District Courts of this Commonwealth during 2000. All but twenty nine (29) of these cases are still pending in court. The other two cases were disposed of by means of guilty pleas by the defendants. Additional people, it is anticipated, will face indictment in the year 2001 as a direct result of the wiretap warrants issued in 2000. To date, no criminal trials have occurred where wiretap interception evidence or evidence derived therefrom was introduced in the year 2000.

Finally, ten (10) individuals pleaded guilty either in the Superior or District Courts in the year 2000 as a direct result of wiretap warrants which were issued in 1999. There have been zero (0) acquittals in cases associated with wiretap warrants issued in the years 2000 and 1999.

Respectfully submitted,

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