



U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Mr. Robert G. Wright, Jr.



Re: "Roberts materials"

Dear Mr. Wright,

This letter is in response to your submission for review pursuant to Part I, Section 1-26 of the Manual of Administrative and Operational Procedures (MAOP), of approximately 60 pages of documents hereafter referred to as the "Roberts materials." The Roberts materials were released in December 20003 to Supervisory Special Agent (SSA) John Roberts, who in turn provided them to the United States Senate, Committee on Finance.

Certain of the documents from the Roberts materials were processed for release pursuant to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) prepublication review policy and the majority of the documents were processed pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act. The reviews conducted for SSA Roberts are the same reviews which would be conducted for any other FBI employee, including yourself and as a result, the Roberts materials do not require any further review or processing either pursuant to MAOP 1-26 or 1-24.

The foregoing should not be construed as an endorsement or approval of any disclosure of the materials. The review conducted for SSA Roberts was solely for the purpose of determining whether any information in the materials was protected from disclosure pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act, MAOP Part I, Sections 1-24 (Prepublication Review) and/or 1-26 (Policy and Guidelines Regarding Employee Public Speech Rights And Obligations). Should you intend to disclose any of the information, that disclosure must be made in a manner consistent with the requirements of MAOP Part I, 1-26. Further, all public disclosures should be made with the understanding that the disclosure may be subject to review by the

Office or Professional Responsibility should it be determined that the disclosure had a negative impact on the ability of the FBI to effectively address its responsibilities.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 202-220-1706. Thank you for your participation in the FBI's prepublication review process.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Karlton D. Bolthouse". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Karlton" being more prominent and the last name "Bolthouse" following in a similar style.

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