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Honorable Roderick M. Hills  
Chairman  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
500 North Capitol Street  
Washington, D. C. 20549

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany has formally asked for the assistance of the Department of State in requesting from the Securities and Exchange Commission all information in the possession of the Commission concerning irregular payments made in the Federal Republic of Germany by the Lockheed Corporation. The Department has assured the German Government that we would refer their request to the Commission and we would render all appropriate assistance in this regard.

As you know, we have had extensive discussions with the Department of Justice and representatives of the Commission concerning how best to respond to requests for such information in a manner that will not prejudice ongoing United States Government investigations and which will protect the rights of individuals whether or not they may ultimately be defendants in criminal cases.

On the basis of these discussions the Departments of State and Justice have concluded that the appropriate arrangement would be for the available material to be transmitted through the Department of Justice to German law enforcement agencies in the usual manner under whatever controls or conditions the Department of Justice may consider customary and appropriate in such a cooperative exchange of information with the law enforcement agencies of another country.

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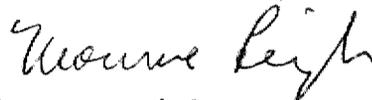
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If the Commission has material responsive to the German request, the Department of State hopes that the Commission will see fit to supply it to the Department of Justice for such disposition and transmission as the Department of Justice may deem appropriate. The Department of State is prepared to concur in any action necessitated by the existence of the Protective Order in the SEC v. Lockheed case.

Sincerely,



Monroe Leigh

ccs: Mr. Richard L. Thornburgh  
Department of Justice

Embassy of Federal Republic  
of Germany