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Senator the Hon Scott Ryan  
President of the Senate  
Parliament of Australia

Mr President

I refer to material seized by the Australian Federal Police following the execution of search warrants on 11 October 2018, in a matter referred to the AFP by the Department of Home Affairs. I understand the material is being held securely in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate pending determination of my privilege claim.

For the purposes of paragraph 5.11 of the *AFP National Guideline on Executing Search Warrants where Parliamentary Privilege may be Involved* I have notified the AFP that I am maintaining my claim of parliamentary privilege over the seized material and that I intend to seek a ruling from the Senate on that claim.

I understand that you intend to put this matter before the Senate when it resumes next week. Please accept this letter to you as the commencement of action to seek a ruling from the Senate on the claim of privilege.

Yours sincerely,

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