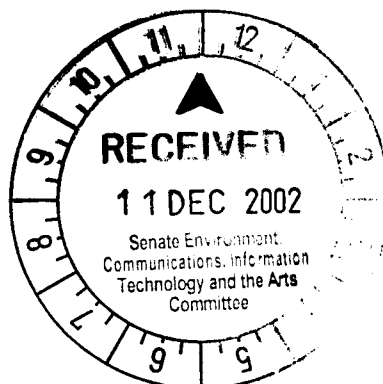


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Mr Mick Maclean
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Dear Mr Maclean

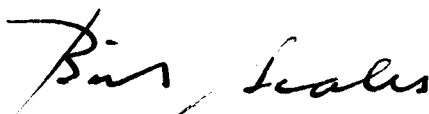
I would like to clarify a statement made at the Supplementary Estimates hearing of the Senate Legislation Committee on Environment, Communication, Information Technology and the Arts which was held in Canberra on November 20 2002.

Answering a question in relation to the monitoring of telephone calls, (Hansard page ECITA 13), I stated that allegations of impropriety had been discussed in the recent Australian Communications Authority (ACA) report.

In fact the ACA report did not consider these allegations, which had already been fully investigated earlier by the Australian Federal Police and Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions. Both authorities determined that no further action was warranted.

I would be appreciative if you could draw this matter to the attention of the Committee.

Yours sincerely



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