May 2, 1956

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Anthony Julian, Esquire
United States Attorney
Boston, Massachusetts

Re: Robbery of Brinks Incorporated
Boston, Massachusetts
January 17, 1950
Bank Robbery; Robbery of Government Property; Conspiracy

Dear Mr. Julian:

A copy of my memorandum dated April 17, 1956, to the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, stating that the suggestion that the Attorney General make available to District Attorney Garrett Byrne for review on a confidential basis the minutes of the federal grand jury would, if carried out, be a gross impropriety in view of Judge Ford's refusal to grant permission, has been supplied to you. Enclosed herewith is a copy of a memorandum from the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to the Attorney General, dated April 30, 1956 on the same subject.

The Director of the FBI is, of course, incorrect in assuming as he does in the last sentence of his memorandum to the Attorney General that there was any suggestion of impropriety on his part in the mere relaying of District Attorney Byrne's request to the Attorney General, but I make no point of this since it is so plainly apparent on its face that my memorandum contains no such suggestion.

Putting District Attorney Byrne's request to one side, I want to repeat that the Criminal Division is in accord with the FBI in desiring that everything possible be done that is consistent with the orders of the Court to assist District Attorney Byrne in the preparation and effective presentation of this case. I am aware that you have personally reviewed the entire federal grand

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CC: Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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jury transcript with great care and see no impropriety in your discussing the results of this review with District Attorney Byrne. It would seem to me that such a discussion might satisfy District Attorney Byrne of your own conclusion that there was little if anything of value to the presentation of his case to be found in the grand jury transcript, or that it might pinpoint the particular items which Mr. Byrne thinks would be of value. If these particulars can be pinpointed, it might be possible to find some proper way of supplying District Attorney Byrne with what he thinks he needs. It may be you have already done this, but, in any event, I would like to be advised.

Sincerely,

WARREN OLNEY III
Assistant Attorney General

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