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Dear Mr. Attorney General:

This afternoon I received a telephone call from F.B.I. agent Richard T. Taylor, Jr. He advised me that in July of 1976 a conversation took place between a Uruguayan military official and a member of our Central Intelligence Agency in Montevideo, in which the Uruguayan military person said, in a conversation relating to my legislative efforts in the House of Representatives to end all military aid to Uruguay: "Maybe we would have to send someone to the U.S. to get Congressman Koch". The C.I.A. agent of course reported this conversation to the C.I.A. which, because of the recent Letelier assassination, took the matter seriously enough to report it to the Department of Justice, and as I understand it, also gave clearance to the Department of Justice to report the incident to me, so as to alert me to the possible danger.

Now that I've been alerted, I would like to know what my staff and I should do. Should my staff and I not have F.B.I. protection? Furthermore, would it not be sensible to advise the Uruguayan government that it would be held responsible in the event of an assault upon me or my staff? I would also appreciate your ascertaining whether there is any additional information relating to this matter in your files, or in the files of the C.I.A. or any other U.S. agency, which I should be made aware of.

As you know, my amendment ending military aid to Uruguay because of its repression of its own people was included in the foreign aid appropriations bill signed into law by the President. In all candor, I am not sanguine, particularly because of the acts of terrorism undertaken against Uruguayan refugees in Argentina, which are allegedly inspired by the Uruguayan government, and of course, the more recent brutal killing in Washington, D.C. of Mr. Letelier, a political refugee from Chile.

I'd appreciate any comments and comfort that you might provide me. All the best.

Sincerely,
Ed Koch
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