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Mrs. Sharon Tong Clerk to Subcommittee on Review of Existing Statutory Provisions on Search and Seizure of Journalistic Material Legislative Council Legislative Council Building, 8 Jackson Road, Central, Hong Kong.

Dear Mrs. Tong,

SEARCH AND SEIZURE OF JOURNALISTIC MATERIAL

Thank you for your letter dated 14 March 2005 to Mr. Patrick Moss, our Secretary General.

I am pleased to advise that the Society's Criminal Law & Procedure Committee has reviewed Part XII of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance (Cap.1) and believes that the existing legislation provides sufficient safeguards for journalists.

Yours sincerely,

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