

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 11, 1966

President Lyndon B. Johnson  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

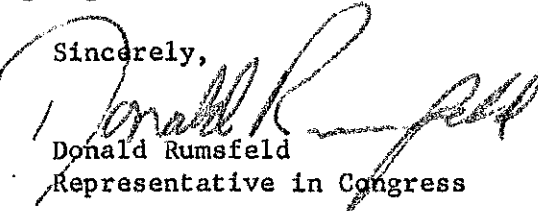
I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for your support of S. 1160, which you signed into law on the Fourth of July.

I was especially pleased to read that you do not share the view that S. 1160 will impair the operations of Government, and that you have instructed Administration officials to make information available to the full extent consistent with individual privacy and with the national interest.

I wholeheartedly agree that freedom of access to data about Government is so vital that only the national security, not the desire of public officials or private citizens, should determine when it must be withheld or restricted.

I am enclosing a copy of a statement which I made on the occasion of your signing the bill into law.

Sincerely,



Donald Rumsfeld  
Representative in Congress

Enclosure