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Dear Mr. Lazarus,

I am writing this letter regarding the "Garage Door Overmaster" project. This device will allow police officers to remotely open a garage door during many different life-saving police operations. In the event of a hostage rescue attempt this device would be invaluable to provide the police access to the house to save the lives of the hostages.

Efforts are currently underway by the Los Angeles Sheriffs Department, along with the Scientific Applications International Corporation and the Technical Support Working Group, to build this device. Since most current breaching methods require some type of destructive action, this device would provide police a method of gaining entry that would not damage personal property. With the "Garage Door Overmaster," entry could be made with no damage to the property.

To operate this device a waiver is required from the FCC to permit the device to operate for more than a few seconds. We are in total support of this waiver and feel there would no negative impact by its use. The use of this device would be restricted to strict guidelines and would only be used when and where appropriate.

Sincerely,

Lt. Thomas M. Nolan  
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*What people do for themselves dies with them; what people do for their community lives on . . .*

