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FOIA Case: 109360I  
22 January 2024

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT  
1030 15<sup>th</sup> ST NW, SUITE B255  
WASHINGTON DC 20005

Dear American Oversight:

Enclosed with this letter is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of 28 February 2020 (1:20-cv-01008). We have completed our review and processing of the enclosed 8 documents (41 pages). Please be advised that the Agency reasonably foresees that disclosure of the withheld information would be harmful to an interest that is protected by the identified exemptions.

Some of the withheld information has been found to be currently and properly classified in accordance with Executive Order 13526, Section 1.4(c), and remains classified as provided in Section 1.2. As such, it is withheld pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(1). Additionally, NSA is authorized by various statutes to withhold certain information pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(3). The applicable statutes are 18 U.S.C. 798, 50 U.S.C. 3024(i), and Section 6, Public Law 86-36 (50 U.S.C. 3605). Information also has been withheld by our Agency pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(5) and 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(6).

Additionally, as reflected in the documents, certain information has been protected under the authority of other agencies and marked accordingly.

If you have any questions, your counsel may contact Department of Justice Senior Counsel Stephen Elliott at (202) 598-3810 or [stephen.m.elliott@usdoj.gov](mailto:stephen.m.elliott@usdoj.gov).

Sincerely,

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SALLY A. NICHOLSON  
Acting Chief, FOIA/PA Division  
NSA Initial Denial Authority

Encl(s):  
a/s

To: Nakasone Paul M GEN NSA D USA USA [redacted]  
Cc: Anthony Teisha M NSA D2 USA GOV [redacted]  
From: Soule Trumbull D NSA P3 USA GOV [redacted]  
Sent: 2020-03-12T16:04:23Z  
Subject: (U) For Your Use With SECDEF and CJCS  
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- [HPSCI Letter to NSA 15Oct19.pdf](#)
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- [HPSCI Schiff Letter to DIRNSA 19Dec19.pdf](#)
- [DIR Letter to HPSCI Schiff 26Dec19.pdf](#)
- [MFR of meeting with Chairman Schiff .pdf](#)

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Sir,  
(S//NF) Following up on our discussion this morning, attached are documents for your personal use with SECDEF, CJCS and others. Happy to adjust and amend. First is the timeline. I took out a lot of the extraneous information. In the timeline, I suggest that you look in particular at the last few bullets. They are helpful for your use, but may exceed what you want to share with others. Second are the letters we exchanged with HPSCI starting in October. Finally, I have attached my own MFR of the meeting with Chairman Schiff.

(U//FOUO) Standing by. I'm at [redacted] 1300-1400 but otherwise in [redacted] and can come up to discuss with you if you wish.

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Trumbull D. Soule  
Chief, Legislative, State, Local and Academic Engagement  
Engagement and Policy Directorate  
National Security Agency

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Fort Meade, MD 20755-6282  
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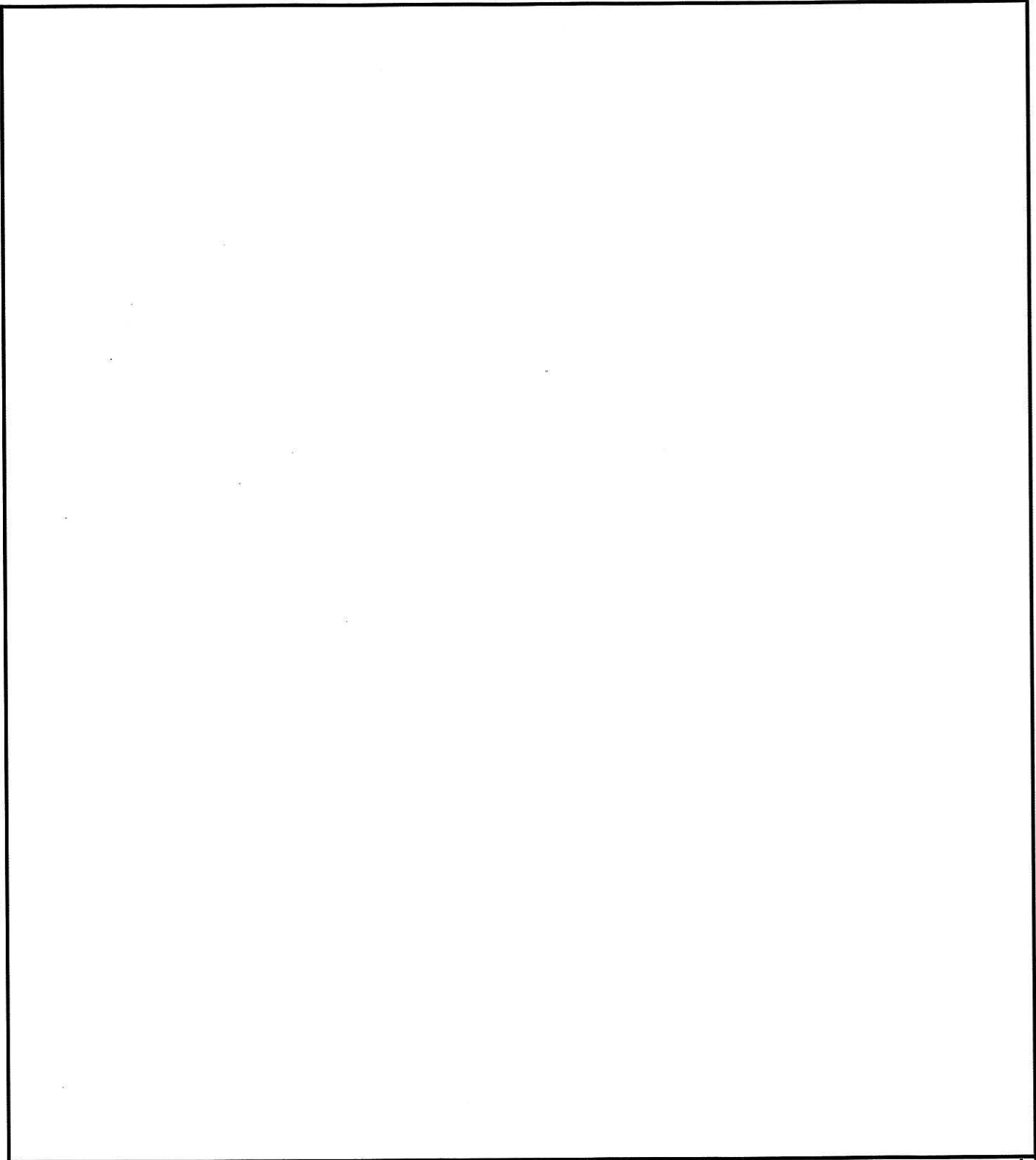
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TIMELINE FOR NSA ENGAGEMENTS WITH HPSCI

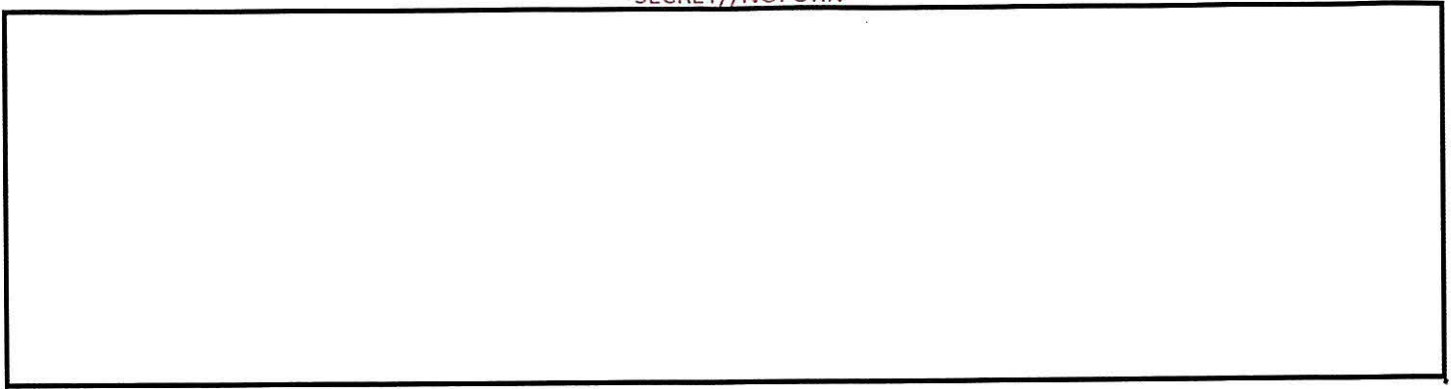


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Permanent Select Committee  
on Intelligence  
U.S. House of Representatives

October 15, 2019

The Honorable Paul Nakasone  
Director, National Security Agency  
Commander, U.S. Cyber Command  
4409 Llewellyn Avenue  
Fort Meade, MD 20755

Dear General Nakasone:

Pursuant to the House of Representatives' impeachment inquiry and the oversight authorities and jurisdiction of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence ("Committee"), I write on behalf of the Committee to request the National Security Agency's ("NSA") production on an expedited and rolling basis of documents described below, as well as any further documents the Committee requests pursuant to the inquiry.

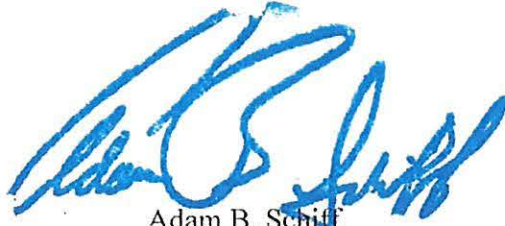
I understand from discussions between our staffs that NSA intends to cooperate with the Committee's requests, as is required by law, and has already identified responsive documents, but has asked for this formal letter to begin producing the material. Pursuant to the extensive staff-level discussions between the Committee and NSA, the Committee requests that NSA conduct its searches and begin production by conducting searches to return reports (if any) that name the non-U.S. Persons listed on Exhibit A. I understand that the first production of documents will be ready in the coming days.

Consistent with the Committee's rules of procedure, the Committee will not share the requested documents outside of the Committee absent consultation with NSA.

The Committee appreciates NSA's cooperation with the Committee—cooperation on matters of this sort that has spanned Congresses regardless of which party holds the majority. Please instruct appropriate NSA officers to contact Committee staff at [redacted] (secure) as soon as that production is ready.

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Sincerely,

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Adam B. Schiff

Chairman

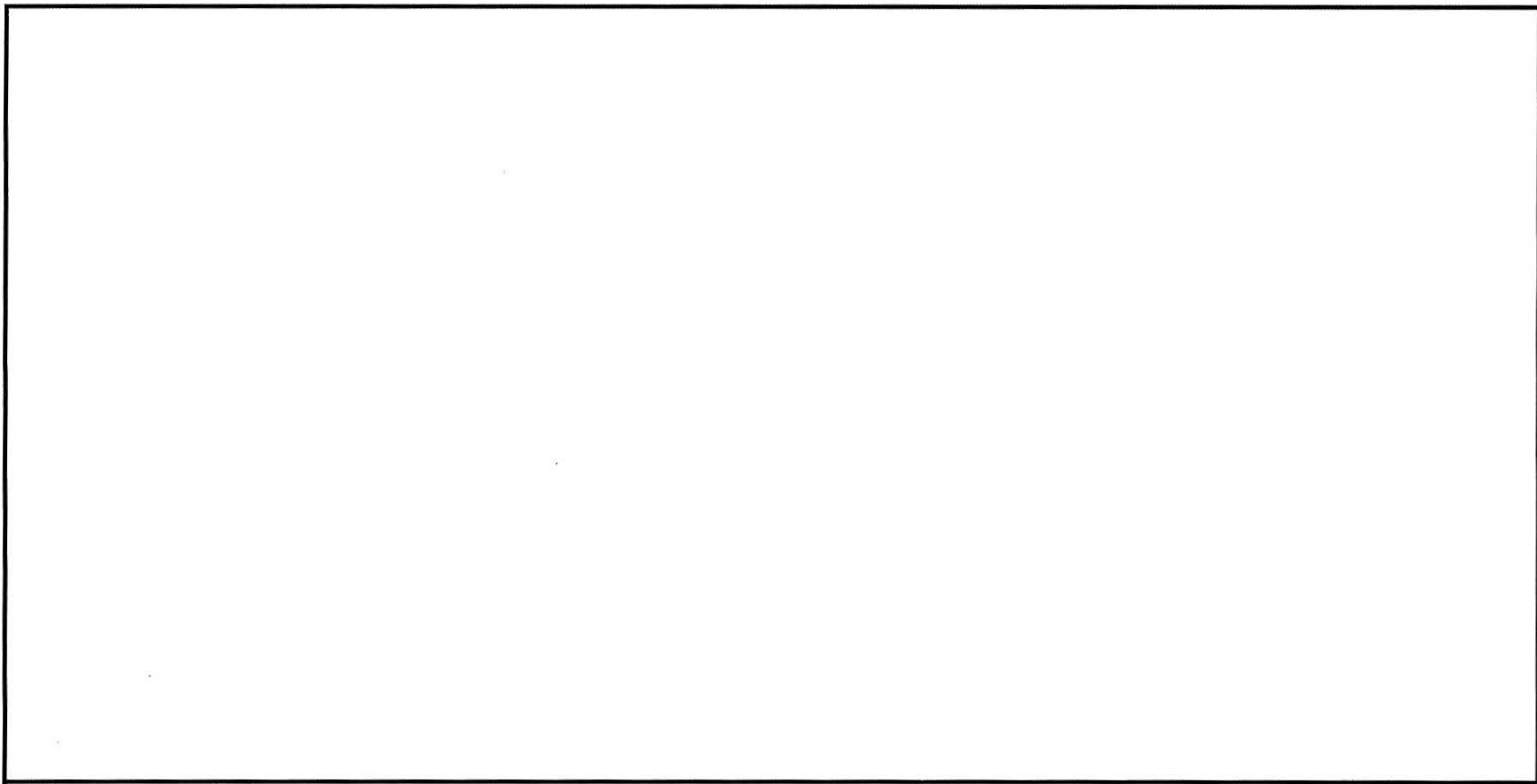
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FROM THE DESK OF ...  
**TRUMBULL D. SOULE**  
Director, Legislative Affairs Office  
National Security Agency



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TO: Staff Director and Minority Staff Director  
House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

OCT 16 2019

SUBJECT: (U) Committee Inquiry

(U) NSA has received your letter of October 15, 2019 seeking production, on a rolling basis, of documents described in Exhibit A.

(U//~~FOUO~~) NSA is making available for reading copies of the first tranche of responsive foreign intelligence reports in connection with the Committee's oversight function.

[Redacted Signature]

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TRUMBULL D. SOULE  
Director, NSA Legislative Affairs Office

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**TRUMBULL D. SOULE**  
Director, Legislative Affairs Office  
National Security Agency

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TO: Staff Director and Minority Staff Director  
House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

OCT 23 2019

SUBJECT: (U) Committee Inquiry

(U) NSA has received your letter of October 15, 2019 seeking production, on a rolling basis, of documents described in Exhibit A.

(U//~~FOUO~~) NSA is making available for reading copies of the second tranche of responsive foreign intelligence reports in connection with the Committee's oversight function.

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TRUMBULL D. SOULE  
Director, NSA Legislative Affairs Office

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NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY  
FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MARYLAND 20755-6000



DEC 13 2019

The Honorable Adam Schiff  
Chairman, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Chairman Schiff:

~~(S//SI//NF)~~ Thank you for your letter dated October 15, 2019, in which you requested that NSA produce documents pertaining to [redacted]. Specifically, the Committee, through its letter, sought NSA's assistance "[p]ursuant to the House of Representatives' impeachment inquiry and the oversight authorities and jurisdiction of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence . . . ." In NSA's response on October 16, 2019, we indicated that the Agency would make foreign intelligence reports available for review in connection with the Committee's oversight function. Accordingly, three tranches of responsive foreign intelligence reports for specific date ranges negotiated with your staff were made available to Congress on an expedited basis. With the provision of the third tranche of reporting, NSA considers the Committee's October 15, 2019 oversight request closed. NSA fully recognizes the importance of the Committee's oversight function, and has at all times sought to fulfil its responsibilities in that regard and to make clear when it is acting in furtherance of those responsibilities.

~~(U//FOUO)~~ This letter does not foreclose any future response by NSA to additional or alternative Committee requests for the production of documents relating to the Ukraine (or other such requests that implicate impeachment-related topics). More specifically, the Agency understands that the Committee, in consultation with the House Committees on Foreign Affairs and Oversight and Reform, submitted a letter and subpoena to the Department of Defense on October 7, 2019, seeking, among other things, the production of fourteen categories of information. NSA is aware that the Department of Defense has informed the Committee of a number of legal and practical concerns with the subpoena, and that the Department's concerns have not been fully resolved. Accordingly, the Department has thus far been unable to comply with the Committee's October 7, 2019 request. NSA, as a component of the Department of Defense, and acting in a manner consistent with the Department's guidance, has taken steps to identify, preserve, and collect documents that are potentially responsive to the Committee's subpoena. Upon the appropriate resolution of this matter, and consistent with applicable Department guidance, NSA stands ready to work with the Committee.

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TRUMBULL D. SOULE  
Director, Legislative Affairs

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Copy furnished:  
The Honorable Devin Nunes  
Ranking Member, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

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Permanent Select Committee  
on Intelligence  
U.S. House of Representatives

December 19, 2019

The Honorable Paul Nakasone  
Director, National Security Agency  
Commander, U.S. Cyber Command  
4409 Llewellyn Avenue  
Fort Meade, MD 20755

Dear General Nakasone:

I am profoundly concerned by the National Security Agency's ("NSA") December 13 letter informing the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence ("Committee") that NSA will no longer cooperate with the Committee's request for NSA signals intelligence reports regarding a list of non-U.S. Person foreign intelligence targets.

Following weeks of discussions and meetings between Committee Staff and NSA, in an October 15 letter, the Committee formally requested this information pursuant to the House of Representatives' impeachment inquiry and the oversight authorities and jurisdiction of the Committee. The next day, NSA began producing responsive documents. The Committee appreciated NSA's cooperation with the Committee's requests for information. Abiding by its legal obligations, NSA produced three tranches of documents to the Committee on a read-and-return basis, most recently on November 13.

NSA's cooperation throughout October and November stood in stark contrast to other executive branch agencies—including the Department of Defense (DoD)—which obeyed President Trump's categorical order to withhold every single document subpoenaed by the Committee in connection with the impeachment inquiry.

After weeks of follow-up regarding the fourth tranche—to which the Committee Staff received only one non-substantive response, confirming the request's receipt—Staff again requested a status update on December 13. NSA then sent a short letter announcing that it would no longer comply with the Committee's request.

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NSA cites two reasons for its decision to cease cooperation, both of which are logically incoherent. These pretextual arguments cannot possibly be the true cause of NSA's decision.

*First*, NSA claims that “[w]ith the provision of the third tranche of reporting, NSA considers the Committee’s October 15, 2019 oversight request closed.”

The Committee has taken no steps to close the request for information. To the contrary, on November 21, after the production of the third tranche, Committee Staff met with the Deputy Director of Legislative, State, and Local Affairs to discuss re-scoping a request for a fourth tranche of documents. The Committee submitted a revised request by email on November 25, then followed up by email or phone call on December 2, December 6, December 9, and December 13 seeking status updates from NSA regarding our request.<sup>1</sup>

Similarly, you and I spoke by phone on November 22. In that conversation, I gave no indication that the Committee was closing the request; indeed, I told you that this request is among the most important that NSA had outstanding from the Committee. You affirmed NSA’s commitment to cooperate. At no time on the call did you say that NSA believed the Committee’s request was closed or that NSA would not comply.

Moreover, in its December 13 letter, NSA claims that it “has at all times sought to fulfil its responsibilities in that regard and to make clear when it is acting in furtherance of those responsibilities.” As you know, NSA is obligated by statute to “furnish” to the Committee “any information or material concerning intelligence activities” within NSA’s “custody or control” when “requested by either of the congressional intelligence committees in order to carry out its authorized responsibilities.” *See* 50 U.S.C. § 3092(a)(2). Furthermore, NSA’s statutory obligation to keep the congressional intelligence committees “fully and currently informed of all intelligence activities” requires that NSA cooperate with the Committee’s request. *See* 50 U.S.C. § 3092(a)(1). In light of the gravity of this matter, it is incumbent upon NSA to furnish this information to the Committee in accordance with its legal obligations. The Committee took no step to rescind its request. So, as NSA apparently acknowledges in its letter, that statute requires NSA to continue to produce the requested information.

*Second*, NSA refers to an October 7 subpoena that the Committee issued to DoD. The existence of that subpoena cannot possibly explain NSA’s decision not to cooperate. The DoD subpoena was issued on October 7 and released to the public that same day; DoD unlawfully refused to comply on October 14. Separately, the Committee formally conveyed its request for documents to NSA on October 15, which followed a series of conversations between NSA staff and the Committee in order to ensure NSA would be in a position to fulfill expeditiously the Committee’s request; NSA made its first production on October 16. Every NSA production has been made *after* DoD unlawfully declined to comply with the Committee’s subpoena. Nothing about the subpoena issued to DoD—or about DoD’s response to that subpoena—has changed during the course of NSA’s productions.

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<sup>1</sup> During the November 21 meeting, NSA indicated that if the Committee re-scoped its next tranche in accordance with NSA’s suggestions, NSA would provide responsive information promptly and without additional delays.

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The arguments made in NSA's letter leave the Committee with no explanation other than that NSA has been subjected—and has succumbed—to pressure or direction from DoD, the White House, or both, to shirk its statutory obligations to this Committee in service of President Trump's personal political interest.

As Chairman of the Committee, I am frequently asked whether the President's political machinations have affected the Intelligence Community. Until today, with limited exception, I have been able to say confidently that I have not seen evidence of political interference in NSA's work, NSA's relationship with the Committee, or NSA's willingness to share information with Congress. In light of NSA's decision to halt compliance with the Committee's information request—a step that simply cannot be explained by the reasons proffered in NSA's letter—I will no longer be able to affirm my faith in NSA's independence from political interference.

If NSA does not resume production of responsive documents, I will consider expressing those concerns publicly. I cannot rule out viewing *all* of NSA's requests to the Committee—including reprogramming requests—against the backdrop of NSA's decision to disregard its legal obligations.

By December 26, please confirm that NSA will resume cooperation with the Committee. Please also provide a detailed explanation of the circumstances that led to NSA's December 13 letter, including a description of any directives or guidance that NSA received regarding its cooperation with the Committee.

Sincerely,



Adam B. Schiff

Chairman

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NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY  
FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MARYLAND 20755-6000

26 December 2019

The Honorable Adam B. Schiff  
Chairman, House Permanent  
Select Committee on Intelligence  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing in response to your letter of December 19, 2019. After reading your letter, I realize our phone conversation of November 22<sup>nd</sup>, and my Legislative Affairs Director's letter of December 13<sup>th</sup>, have failed to communicate this Agency's commitment to fulfilling its obligations and to maintaining its longstanding cooperative approach to your Committee's oversight responsibilities. As the Director, I want to use this opportunity to dispel any allegations of partisan influence and seek resolution of our current differences.

The National Security Agency is unwavering in its commitment to executing its authorities and discharging its responsibilities in a completely nonpartisan and professional manner in strict accordance with applicable statutes and the U.S. Constitution. No political motivations have ever influenced the decisions I have made. Most specifically, I have not received any direction from, nor have I otherwise been pressured by, the White House or anyone at the Department of Defense, to thwart the Committee's oversight responsibilities. I strongly believe mutual trust is the foundation for successful relations with your Committee and Congress as a whole.

Mr. Chairman, I hope this addresses your concerns about any political motivations on the part of the Agency. I recognize, however, that the Committee wishes to proceed with requests for information. As I am committed to resolving any differences and continuing our longstanding relationship, I would like to suggest that my staff and I meet with you at your convenience to discuss this further.

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PAUL M. NAKASONE  
General, U.S. Army  
Director, NSA

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

(U//FOUO) On 11 March 2020, GEN Paul M. Nakasone, in his role as Director of the National Security Agency, met with Congressman Adam Schiff, Chairman, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI), at the Chairman's request. The meeting occurred immediately prior to a long-scheduled classified hearing on NSA's budget. I attended the meeting with GEN Nakasone. Tim Bergreen, HPSCI Majority Staff Director, attended with Chairman Schiff.

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Trumbull D. Soule

Chief, Legislative, State, Local and Academic Engagement

National Security Agency

March 12, 2020

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Cc: Andrew P. Hallman-DNI [redacted] Barnes George C NSA D USA  
GOV [redacted] Vaughn F. Bishop [redacted]  
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Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 11:39 AM. CIA  
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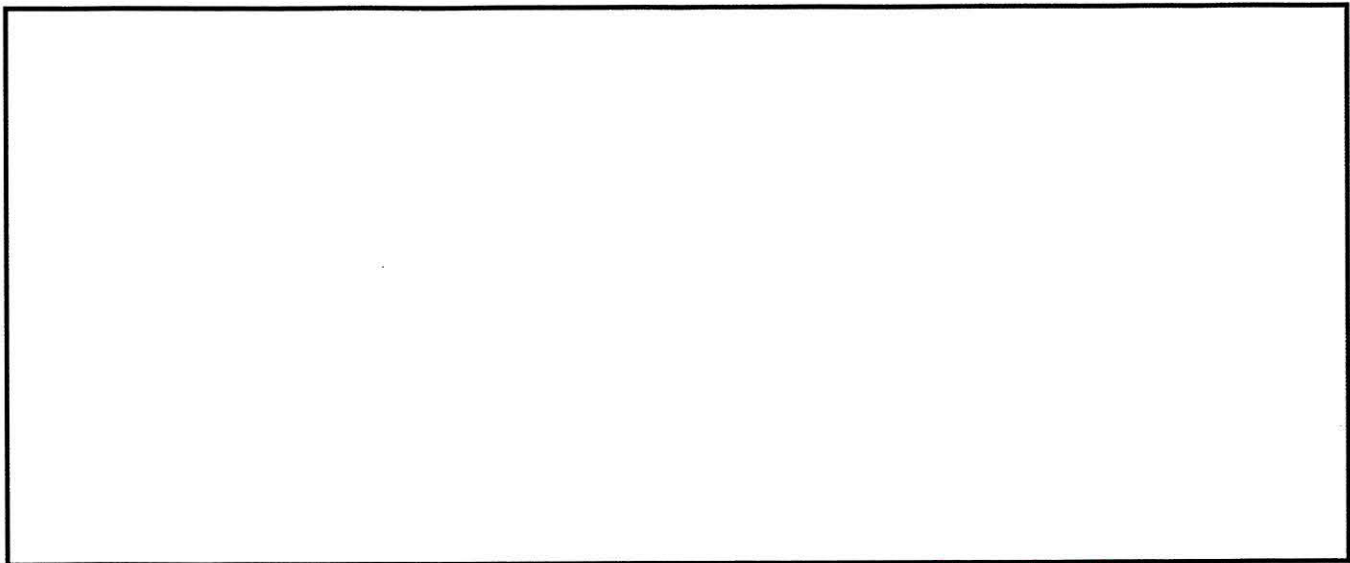
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NSA Office of General Counsel

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From: [Redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, March 4, 2020 6:32 PM

To: Courtney Elwood [Redacted] Anthony Teisha M NSA P2 USA GOV [Redacted] [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted] Ryan P. Crumpler-DNI- [Redacted] Bradley A. Brooker-DNI- [Redacted]

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Subject: Update re: SSCI Letter Request for [Redacted]

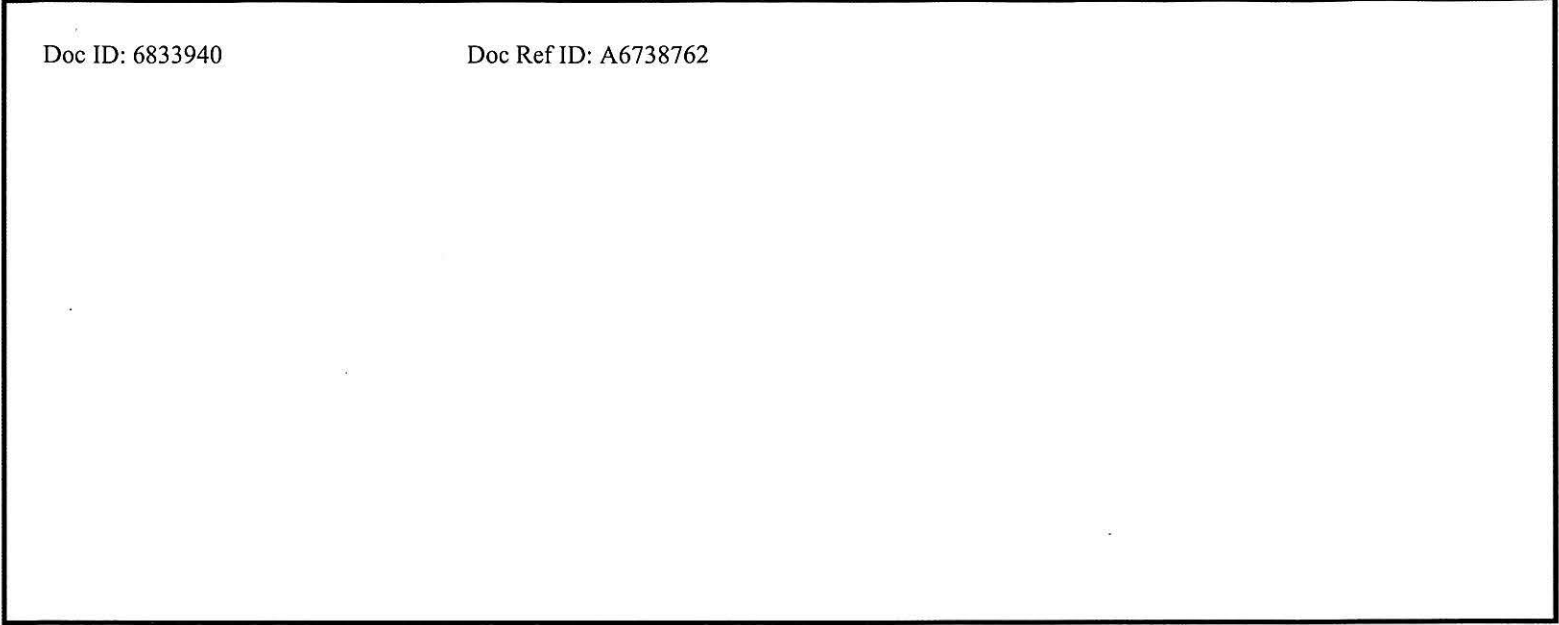
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**Signed By:** [Redacted]

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All - ODNI OGC confirmed this morning that ODNI Leg had reached both SSCI majority and minority regarding this request. [Redacted]  
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 [Redacted] I'm hoping to have more clarity on that by this afternoon.

[Redacted]  
 Associate General Counsel, Legislation  
 NSA Office of General Counsel  
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**Sent:** Friday, March 6, 2020 4:28 PM  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:** Soule Trumbull D NSA P3 USA GOV; [Redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: (U) FW: Update re: SSCI Letter Request for [Redacted]

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All - just completed a call with the WH. ODNI OGC is planning to reach out to ODNI Leg this evening, or possibly Monday if unavailable tonight. [Redacted]  
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[Redacted]  
 Associate General Counsel, Legislation

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NSA Office of General Counsel

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From: [Redacted]

Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 9:48 AM

To: [Redacted]

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Associate General Counsel, Legislation

NSA Office of General Counsel

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From: [Redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, March 4, 2020 6:32 PM

To: Courtney Elwood [Redacted] Anthony, Teisha M NSA.D2 USA GOV [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted]

[Redacted] Ryan P. Crumpler-DNI-

Bradley A. Brooker-DNI- Soule Trumbull D NSA

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All,

(U//FOUO) I am combining participants from separate email threads to ensure visibility.

(U//FOUO) ODNI [Redacted] the SSCI letters of October 15, 2019 and January 17, 2020 [Redacted]

[Redacted] We also had a conversation with Sue Bai, with the White House Counsel's Office (WHCO), who has requested that we extend the date range for the CIA and NSA searches through January 17, 2020 (the date of second letter).

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(TS//NF) To recap, WHCO previously requested that both CIA and NSA search for potentially responsive disseminated intelligence reports within the date range of [redacted]

[redacted]

(U//FOUO) Sue has requested that CIA and NSA extend the date range used to identify potentially responsive documents through January 17, 2020 (the date of the second letter). For this revised approach, she has also asked to have [redacted]

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(U//FOUO) Please let us know if CIA or NSA have concerns with this revised approach. We recognize the SSCI letter request was [redacted] and that we will still need to address materials that may be in the possession of other Intelligence Community agencies, including ODNI. As before, the purpose of this effort is to begin the process of evaluating potentially responsive material. No materials will be provided to the Committee absent further coordination. Nonetheless, WHCO indicated that the goal is still to begin producing materials to SSCI this week.

(U//FOUO) As always, please feel free to reach out if it would be helpful to discuss.

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To: Anthony Teisha M NSA D2 USA GOV [redacted]  
From: [redacted]  
Sent: 2020-03-06T13:21:50Z  
Subject: RE: (U) FW: Update re: SSCI Letter Request for [redacted]  
Received: 2020-03-06T13:21:55Z

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Teisha - yes, I reached out to both to get some time on your calendar today. Will also need to loop in [redacted]

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From: Anthony Teisha M NSA D2 USA GOV [redacted]  
Sent: Friday, March 6, 2020 8:08 AM  
To: [redacted]  
Cc: Anthony Teisha M NSA D2 USA GOV [redacted]  
Subject: RE: (U) FW: Update re: SSCI Letter Request for [redacted]

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Would like to have a discussion within OGC [redacted]

Teisha

Teisha M. Anthony  
Acting General Counsel  
Office of General Counsel

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From: [redacted]  
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 10:36 AM  
To: Anthony Teisha M NSA D2 USA GOV [redacted]  
Subject: (U) FW: Update re: SSCI Letter Request for [redacted]

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(b) (3) -50 USC 3024 National Security Act of 1947 Section 102A(i)(1) OGA CIA

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(b) (3) - 50 USC 3507 Section 6 of the CIA Act of 1949  
(b) (6)  
OGA

Teisha - for your awareness, [redacted]

(b) (3) - P.L. 86-36

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(b) (3) - 50 USC 3024 National Security Act of 1947 Section 102A(i) (1)  
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(b) (3) - 50 USC 3024 (i)  
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CIA

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(b) (3) - 50 USC 3024 (i)

From: [redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, March 4, 2020 6:32 PM

To: Courtney Elwood [redacted] Anthony Teisha M'NSA D2 USA GOV [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]

[redacted] Ryan P. Crumpler-DNI-

[redacted] Bradley A. Brooker-DNI-

[redacted] Soule Trumbull, D NSA P3 USA GOV [redacted]

Subject: Update re: SSCI Letter Request for [redacted]

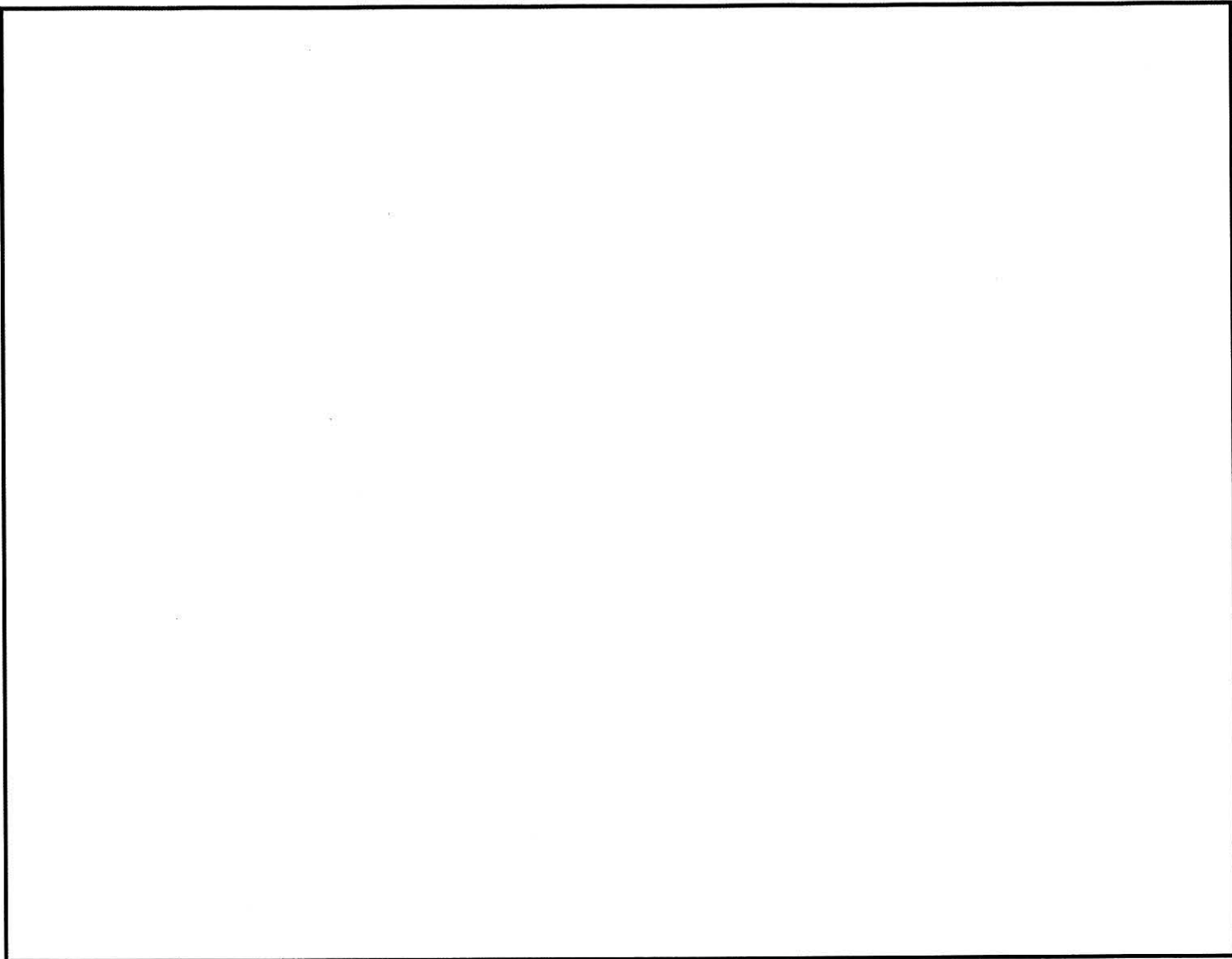
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Dated: 20180110

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To: [Redacted]  
 Cc: Anthony Teisha M NSA D2 USA GOV [Redacted]  
 From: [Redacted]  
 Sent: 2020-03-11T19:03:41Z  
 Subject: RE: (U) SSCI Letter Request for [Redacted]  
 Received: 2020-03-11T19:03:44Z

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 (b) (3)-50 USC 3024 (i)  
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Thanks [Redacted]  
 [Redacted]

(b) (3)-P.L. 86-36

[Redacted]  
 Associate General Counsel, Legislation  
 NSA Office of General Counsel

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(b) (1)  
 (b) (3)-50 USC 3024 (i)

From: [Redacted]  
 Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 2:38 PM  
 To: [Redacted]  
 Cc: Anthony Teisha M NSA D2 USA GOV [Redacted]  
 Subject: RE: (U) SSCI Letter Request for [Redacted]

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[Redacted]  
 Per direction from WHCO (Sue [Redacted])

ODNI

[Redacted]

[Redacted] Please feel free to contact me if it would be helpful to discuss.

[Redacted]  
 Deputy General Counsel

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(b) (3) - 50 USC 3024 (m)  
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From: [Redacted]  
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 12:08 PM  
To: [Redacted]  
Cc: Anthony Teisha M NSA D2 USA GOV [Redacted]

Subject: RE: (U) SSCI Letter Request for [Redacted]

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[Redacted] - for your awareness [Redacted]  
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[Redacted]  
Associate General Counsel, Legislation  
NSA Office of General Counsel

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From: [Redacted]  
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 10:34 AM  
To: [Redacted]  
Cc: Anthony Teisha M NSA D2 USA GOV [Redacted]  
Subject: RE: (U) SSCI Letter Request for [Redacted]

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Associate General Counsel, Legislation  
NSA Office of General Counsel

(b) (3) - 50 USC 3024 (m)  
(b) (6)  
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(b) (1)  
(b) (3) -50 USC 3024 (i)

**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 2:33 PM  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:** Anthony Teisha M NSA D2 USA GOV [Redacted]  
**Subject:** (U) SSCI Letter Request for [Redacted]

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NSA Office of General Counsel

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(b) (3) -50 USC 3024 (i)

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OGA

Tuesday, January 21, 2020 4:04 PM

Soule Trumbull D NSA P3 USA GOV

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OGA

OSD/JS, DHS, DoS, Treasury

[Redacted]  
FBI USA GOV; [Redacted] FBI USA GOV; Johnson Joanne DOJ USA GOV;  
[Redacted] FBI USA GOV; [Redacted]  
David A DoD OUSDI USA GOV; [Redacted] STATE USA GOV [Redacted] DHS USA  
GOV; [Redacted] TREAS USA GOV; [Redacted]  
[Redacted] STATE USA GOV

(b) (3) - P.L. 86-36

Cc:

Ryan P. Czumpler-DNI-; [Redacted] Bradley A. Brooker-DNI-; [Redacted]

Subject:

[Redacted] DoD OUSDI USA GOV

Attachments:

RE: ACTION: SSCI [Redacted] Docs Request

Signed By:

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Importance:

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Derived From: ODNI CG

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CIA  
(b) (3) - 50 USC 3507 Section 6 of the CIA Act of 1949  
(b) (6)  
OGA

FBI

Good afternoon, IC Legislative Affairs Colleagues -

ODNI received the attached correspondence [Redacted] from SSCI this past Friday, which repeats the earlier request from October 15<sup>th</sup>, but also requests intelligence reporting [Redacted]

Should you have responsive reporting on this updated request, please loop back with us as soon as possible. As with the prior request, our OGC will further coordinate with WHCO from this end before responses are sent forward to the Hill.

Thanks, as always.

CIA (b) (1)  
(b) (3) - 50 USC 3024 National Security Act of 1947 Section 102A(i) (1)  
OGA

Respectfully,

[Redacted Signature]

Division Chief, Intelligence & Analysis  
ODNI Legislative Affairs

DIA, NGA

(b) (3) - 10 USC 424  
(b) (6)  
OGA

(b) (3) - 50 USC 3024 (m)  
(b) Doc ID: 6833944  
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Doc Ref ID: A6740584

DIA, NGA (b) (3) - 10 USC 424  
(b) (6)  
OGA

ODNI From: [Redacted]

Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2019 10:26 AM

To: Soule Trumbull D NSA-P3 USA CIV [Redacted]

[Redacted]  
[Redacted] FBI USA GOV  
[Redacted] FBI USA GOV Johnson Joanne DOJ USA GOV  
[Redacted] FBI USA GOV

[Redacted] Kozik David A DoD OUSD USA  
[Redacted] STATE USA GOV  
[Redacted] DHS USA GOV [Redacted] TREAS USA GOV

Cc: Ryan P. Crumpler DNI [Redacted] Bradley A. Brooker DNI-

Subject: RE: ACTION: SSCI [Redacted] Docs Request - Suspense to ODNI by Nov 27th  
Importance: High

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Classified By: [Redacted]  
Derived From: ODNI CG  
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CIA (b) (3) - 50 USC 3507 Section 6 of the CIA Act of 1949  
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(b) (3) - 50 USC 3024 (i)

Good morning, IC Leg Colleagues -

Hope everyone has a nice Thanksgiving later this week (and safe travels for those hitting the road).

With respect to the requested suspense for tomorrow on the attached SSCI letter, we understand (consistent with our IC leg dir meeting earlier this month) that some IC elements may need more time to pull together relevant material. Please let us know where things stand on your timelines and expected document production by early next week, if possible.

Also wanted to point out that our OGC has been coordinating with the White House Counsel's office, and while agencies should still work to marshal documents in response to this tasking, we wanted to stress that information should not be directly provided to SSCI and HPSCI (and we won't be doing so from this end either) until we are able to finalize a coordinated Administration position on the way forward.

Thanks, as always, for your attention to this request.

Best regards,

CIA (b) (1)  
(b) (3) - 50 USC 3024 National Security Act of 1947 Section 102A(i) (1)  
OGA

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FBI

Division Chief, Intelligence & Analysis  
ODNI Legislative Affairs  
Chair, ODNI Management Advisory Group

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(b) (3) - 50 USC 3024 (m)  
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ODNI

**From:** Benjamin T. Fallon-DNI- [redacted]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 12, 2019 5:56 PM  
**To:** Soule Trumbull D NSA-P3 USA CIV [redacted]

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OGA

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[redacted] Johnson Joanne DOJ USA GOV  
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[redacted] Kozik David A DoD OUSDI USA GOV  
[redacted] Bradley A. Brooker-DNI- [redacted] Ryan P. Crumpler-DNI-

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CIA

(b) (3) - 50 USC 3507 Section 6 of the CIA Act of 1949  
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OGA

**Cc:** [redacted] Ryan P. Crumpler-DNI- [redacted]  
**Subject:** ACTION: SSCI [redacted] Docs Request - Suspense to ODNI by Nov 27th  
**Importance:** High

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(b) (1)  
(b) (3)-50 USC 3024 (i)

Good evening, IC Leg Colleagues -

CIA (b) (1)  
(b) (3)-50 USC 3024 National Security Act of 1947 Section 102A(i) (1)  
OGA

ODNI has received the attached request from SSCI requesting document production pertaining to intelligence reporting [redacted]

SSCI is seeking intelligence reporting [redacted]

ODNI/Legislative Affairs is in touch with the Committee on the way forward with respect to Intelligence Community (IC) documentation on this matter, and we respectfully request that responsive materials from the IC be provided through your legislative affairs office to our office no later than Wednesday, November 27, 2019. Our office will, in turn, work with the ODNI General Counsel on the review and provision of materials for SSCI, in coordination with the White House Counsel's office.

We plan to further discuss this request at next Monday's IC Legislative Director's monthly meeting, and we have also invited NSC legislative affairs to attend. In the meantime, following internal consultation with the ODNI General Counsel and ongoing discussions with SSCI, we wanted to send this documentation request out to your offices so you can begin gathering responsive materials.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to Ryan or me directly should you have questions between now and next Monday's meeting. We look forward to seeing you then.

BF

CIA (b) (1)  
(b) (3)-50 USC 3024 National Security Act of 1947 Section 102A(i) (1)  
OGA

Ben Fallon  
Assistant DNI for Legislative Affairs  
Office of the Director of National Intelligence

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**From:** [Redacted] (b) (1) (b) (3) - 50 USC 3024 (i)

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 26, 2019 10:38 AM

**To:** Soule Trumbull D NSA-P3 USA CIV; [Redacted]

**Cc:** [Redacted] FBI USA GOV; [Redacted] FBI USA GOV; Johnson Joanne DOJ USA GOV; [Redacted] FBI USA GOV; [Redacted] Kozik David A DoD OUSDI USA GOV; [Redacted] STATE USA GOV; [Redacted] STATE USA GOV; [Redacted] DHS USA GOV; [Redacted] TREAS USA GOV

**Subject:** Ryan P. Crumpler-DNI- [Redacted] Bradley A. Brooker-DNI- [Redacted] (U) RE: ACTION: SSCI [Redacted] Docs Request - Suspense to ODNI by Nov 27th

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Hi [Redacted] thanks for the note. NSA is still scoping whether it has documents germane to the Committee's request.

[Redacted] Thanks!

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NSA Deputy Director, Legislative, State and Local Affairs

**From:** [Redacted]

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 26, 2019 10:26 AM

**To:** Soule Trumbull D NSA-P3 USA CIV

[Redacted] FBI USA GOV; [Redacted] FBI USA GOV; Johnson Joanne DOJ USA GOV; [Redacted] FBI USA GOV; [Redacted] Kozik David A DoD OUSDI USA GOV; [Redacted] STATE USA GOV; [Redacted] STATE USA GOV; [Redacted] DHS USA GOV; [Redacted] TREAS USA GOV

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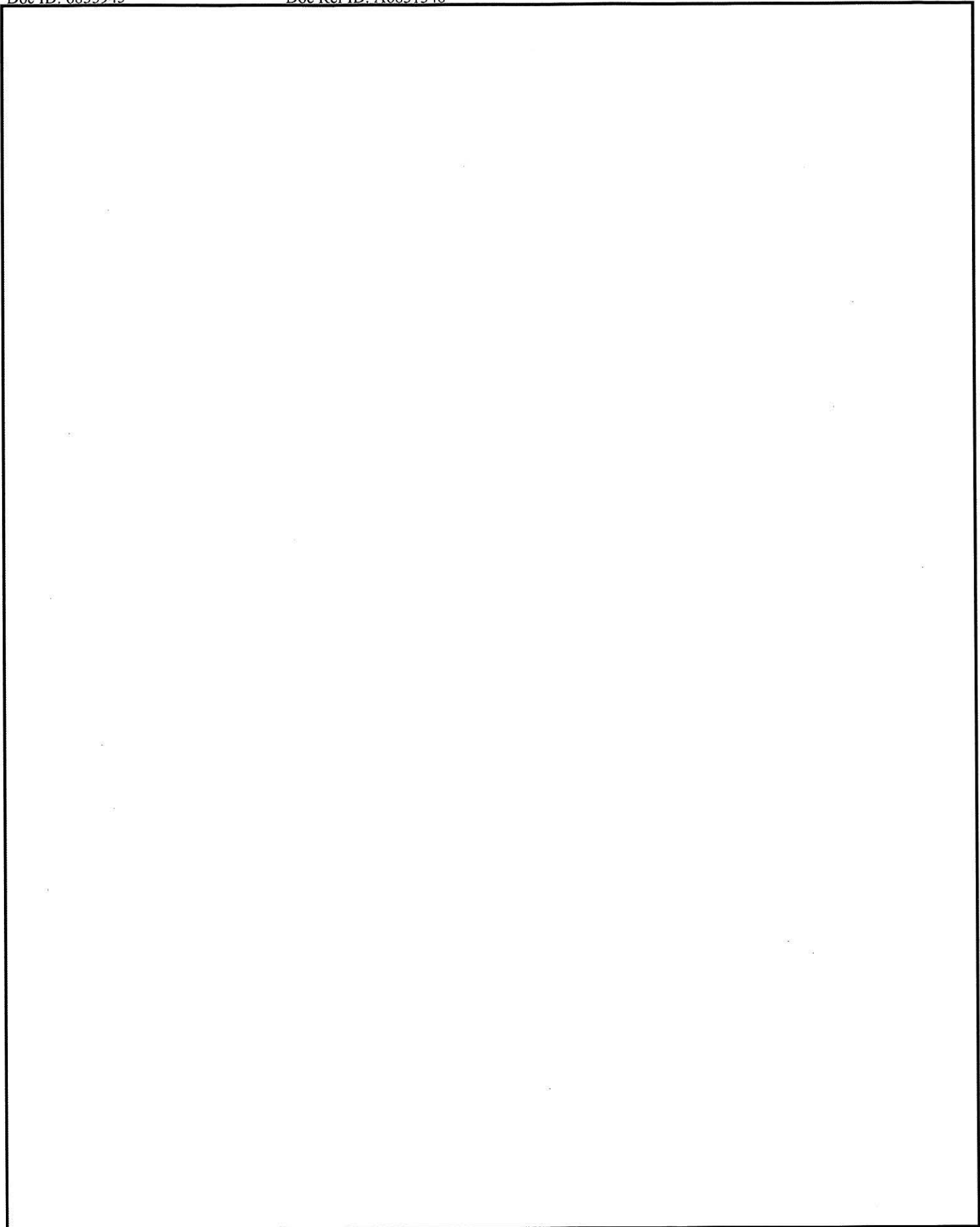
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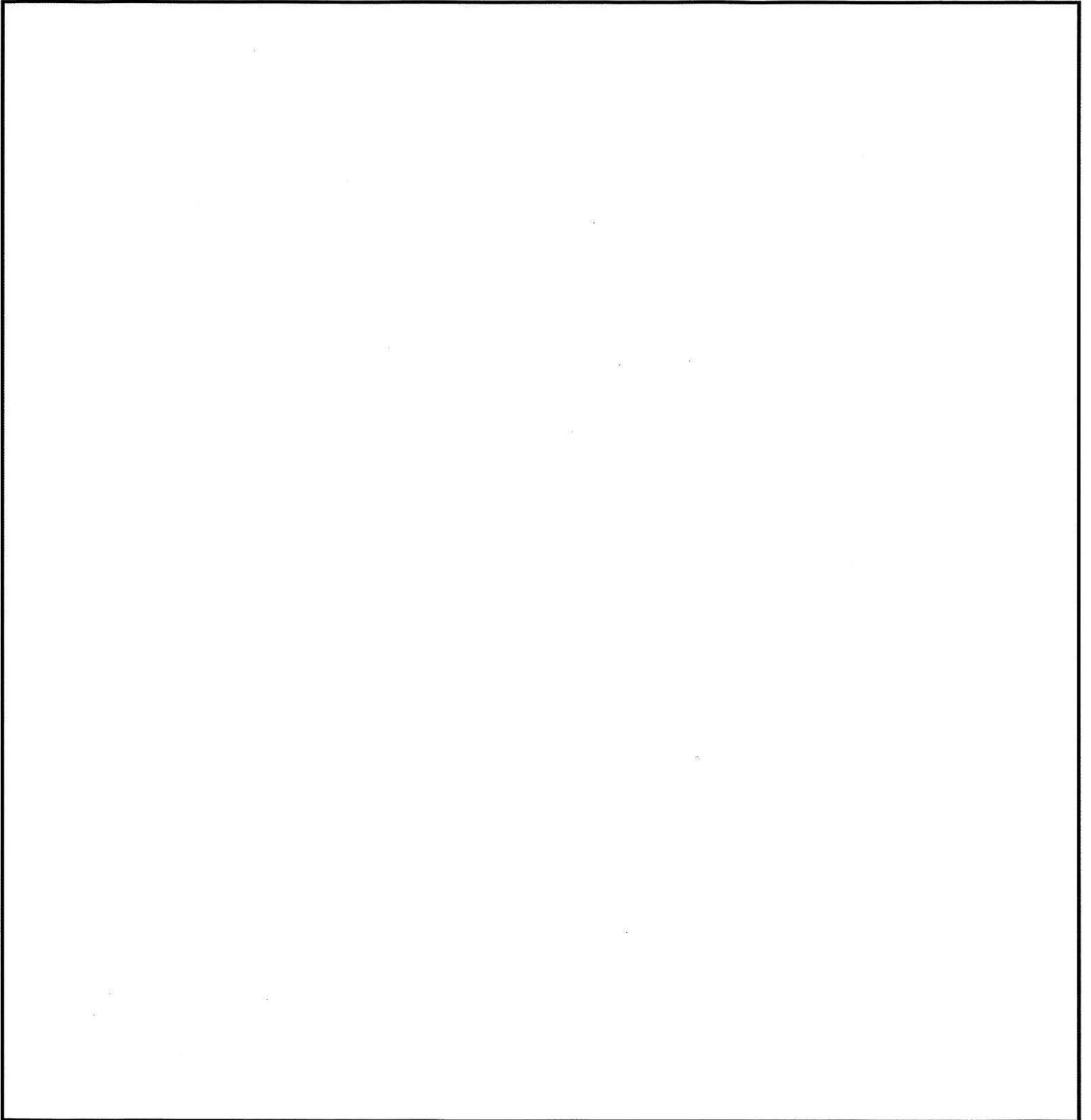
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