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Re: ACLU, et al., v. Department of Defense, et al.,

No. 04 Civ. 4151 (AKH)

Dear Mr. Lustberg, Ms. Clark and Ms. Singh:

We are enclosing an administrative response from the Central Intelligence Agency ("CIA") with respect to Items 29 and 61 of Plaintiffs' August 16, 2004 List. The CIA will provide a <u>Vaughn</u> declaration with respect to these documents by November 30, 2006. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

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Re: ACLU v. DOD, 04 Civ. 4151 (S.D.N.Y.), remanded 06-0205-cv (2nd Cir.)

Dear Ms. Clark:

Pursuant to the court of appeals' 12 and 22 September 2006 orders and 25 September 2006 mandate in the referenced case, the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) hereby responds to Items No. 29 and 61 of the list enclosed with Plaintiffs' 16 August 2004 letter.

On remand, the CIA processed Plaintiffs' requests for Items No. 29 and 61 in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, for records not exempt from search, review, and disclosure under the Central Intelligence Agency Information Act, 50 U.S.C. § 431, as amended. After conducting a diligent search of relevant systems of records that was reasonably calculated to discover any responsive records, the CIA has located one document responsive to Item No. 29 and one document responsive to Item No. 61.

The document responsive to Item No. 29 is a legal memorandum from the Office of Legal Counsel of the Department of Justice to the Office of General Counsel of the CIA. The document is withheld in its entirety on the bases of FOIA Exemptions b(1), b(3) (National Security Act of 1947 and CIA Act of 1949), and b(5) (deliberative process and attorney-client privileges).

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The document responsive to Item No. 61 is a memorandum from President Bush to the Director of the CIA. The document is withheld in its entirety on the bases of FOIA Exemptions b(1), b(3) (National Security Act of 1947 and CIA Act of 1949), and b(5) (presidential communications, deliberative process, and attorney-client privileges).

The documents are withheld in their entirety because there is no meaningful non-exempt information that can be reasonably segregated from the exempt information.

Sincerely,

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