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Dear Madam and Messrs. Chairman:

(U) The Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 2008, P.L. 110-261, 122 Stat. 2438 (hereinafter "FAA" or "the Act"), requires the Attorney General and the Director of National Intelligence to assess compliance with certain procedures and guidelines under the FAA, and to submit such assessments to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (FISC) and relevant congressional committees at least once every six months.

(U) The enclosed report sets forth the Department of Justice and the Director of National Intelligence's first, joint compliance assessment under the FAA, covering the period September 4, 2008, through November 30, 2008.

(U) The enclosed assessment is highly classified, and, accordingly, while four copies of the report are being provided for review by Members and appropriately cleared staff from the four Committees, the copies are being delivered to the Intelligence Committees for appropriate storage.

(U) If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact __________ in the Office of Legislative Affairs at _________.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Turner
Director of Legislative Affairs

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Christopher S. Bond
    The Honorable Arlen Specter
    The Honorable Peter Hoekstra
    The Honorable Lamar S. Smith