

Memorandum



To :
Deputy Counsel
Office of Intelligence Policy
and Review

From : Julie F. Thomas
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Subject : 2.5 Authority Requests

Date

04/15/2005

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The purpose of this memorandum is to extend an invitation to your office to participate in a joint training session with NSLB attorneys regarding the process for requesting Attorney General approval in accordance with Section 2.5 of Executive Order 12333. The date for this training is yet to be determined.

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The need for such a training session became apparent after a recent meeting between National Security Agency (NSA) and NSLB attorneys. The meeting, held on April 5, 2005, was planned as a result of a conversation between one of our attorneys and the FBI Senior Representative to the NSA. It was a very fruitful meeting during which several issues were clarified, especially with regard to the appropriate procedures that should be followed for these requests.

As you may or may not know, several years ago there was a meeting regarding these requests and how they should be processed. Unfortunately, as far as we can tell, we do not have the results of the meeting memorialized in writing anywhere. However, NSLB and NSA attorneys who were here at the time recall the procedures as follows:

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Unfortunately, during the meeting it came to light that this process is not always being followed. For example, at times, the FBI has sent requests [Redacted]

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[Redacted] In order to ensure that this does not continue to happen, a joint training session will help. Upon receiving an answer from you, we can set a date for the session and work on the logistics. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I look forward to a cooperative effort in this regard.