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January 17, 2014

The Honorable John Brennan
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Director Brennan:

I am writing with regard to our meeting Wednesday about the acquisition of a particular CIA document. You stated at the meeting your intent to launch a full "forensic investigation" on the computers and computer networks used by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) staff at the CIA facility in question. I request that you suspend any such investigation or further access to the computers or computer networks until I can consider this matter further. I will likewise pledge that SSCI staff will not access those computers or computer networks for this same period. Until that time, you do not have my agreement for any investigative activity to take place.

As you noted in our meeting, there are significant separation of powers issues involved here, and those must be properly considered.

In addition, the Committee and the CIA entered into an agreement at the outset of this Study that should, until decided otherwise, be upheld. Specifically, on June 2, 2009, Vice Chairman Bond and I wrote to Director Panetta our understanding that "... [t]he only CIA employees or contractors with access to this computer system [the SSCI system] will be CIA information technology personnel who will not be permitted to copy or otherwise share information from the system with other personnel, except as otherwise authorized by the Committee." In response, Director Panetta wrote a letter to Senator Bond and to me on June 4, 2009 agreeing, and further stating that "... CIA also recognizes the Committee's need to create work product on a walled-off network share-drive as discussed in paragraph 5 of your letter [of June 2, 2009]. Therefore, CIA access to the walled-off network share-drive will be limited to CIA information technology staff, except as otherwise authorized by the Committee or its staff."

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I believe that no further action should be taken on either side until we can both consider the proper next steps to assure the protection of all relevant equities.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dianne Feinstein".

Dianne Feinstein
Chairman

cc: Vice Chairman Saxby Chambliss

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Attention: Neal Higgins**

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FROM: Chairman Dianne Feinstein

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COMMENTS: Letter to CIA Director John Brennan from Chairman Feinstein, dated January 17, 2014, regarding a follow-up to the Wednesday, January 15, 2014, meeting about the acquisition of a particular CIA document.

Please provide this letter to Director Brennan and confirm receipt.

Please contact James Wolfe, SSCI Security Director, at

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