

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

August 1, 2007

The Honorable Michael McConnell
Director of National Intelligence
Bolling Air Force Base
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Admiral McConnell:

Thank you for meeting with the Blue Dogs yesterday.

We share your concern about the need for surveilling all foreign-to-foreign communications involving suspected terrorists, and believe Congress should act before we recess to clarify your authority to do this.

We support legislation to:

1. Authorize the FISA Court to issue a single order which approves your ability to conduct certain targeting operations in foreign countries.
2. Clarifies that no court order is required to conduct surveillance of foreign-to-foreign communications that are routed through the United States.
3. Requires individualized warrants for Americans.
4. Compels compliance by private sector partners.
5. Sunsets in 180 days.

We also agree that it is important to address the issue of retroactive liability for private sector partners.

We intend to communicate our views promptly to House leadership and to urge them to put this legislation on the House Calendar this week.

Sincerely,

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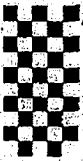
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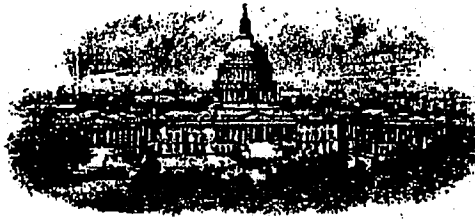


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The Honorable Alberto Gonzales
 Attorney General of the United States
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Dear Director McConnell and General Gonzales,

The House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence is conducting a review of electronic surveillance activities by U.S. intelligence agencies and legal authorities governing electronic surveillance, particularly the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA).

This letter follows previous letters sent by the Committee as well as several requests made by Members and Staff for documents relating to the NSA Surveillance Program, described by the President as the "Terrorist Surveillance Program," (hereinafter, the Program).

To assist the Committee in evaluating arguments about the need to alter FISA, we request that you provide the following documents to the Committee no later than June 8, 2007.