

Director of National Intelligence  
WASHINGTON, DC 20511

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The Honorable Duncan Hunter  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: The National Defense Authorization Act

Dear Congressman Hunter:

I wish to assure you that we will continue to maintain clear standards for treatment and interrogation of detainees that meet the Convention Against Torture with the reservations signed by the United States. In that context, I expect that our intelligence activities, including interrogations, will continue to be effective and American personnel involved in such activities will be legally protected. We are prepared to provide a classified briefing on the effectiveness of these activities in light of this legislation within 180 days of enactment, together with any recommended adjustments.

Sincerely,



John D. Negroponte

cc: Senator Warner  
Senator Roberts  
Senator Levin  
Senator Rockefeller  
Congresswoman Harman  
Congressman Skelton