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The Honorable Maurice Hinchey
Member, U.S. House of Representatives
2431 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Hinchey:

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your January 9, 2006 letter, in which you asked this Office to investigate the Department of Justice's role in authorizing, approving and auditing certain surveillance activities of the National Security Agency, and whether such activities are permissible under existing law. For your information, we have initiated an investigation. Thank you for bringing your concerns to our attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "H. Marshall Jarrett", is written over the typed name.

H. Marshall Jarrett
Counsel