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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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United States Senate  
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The Honorable Bob Goodlatte  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Devin Nunes  
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Dear Messrs. Chairmen:

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cc: The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy  
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The Honorable Diane Feinstein  
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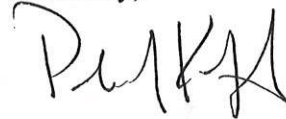
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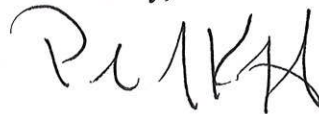
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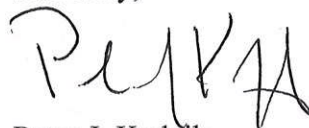
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Dear Mr. Duff:

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During calendar year 2014, the Government made 1,416 applications to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (hereinafter "FISC") for authority to conduct electronic surveillance and/or physical searches for foreign intelligence purposes. The 1,416 applications include applications made solely for electronic surveillance, applications made solely for physical search, and combined applications requesting authority for electronic surveillance and physical search. Of these, 1,379 applications included requests for authority to conduct electronic surveillance.

None of these 1,379 applications were withdrawn by the Government. The FISC did not deny any application in whole, or in part. The FISC made modifications to the proposed orders in 19 applications.<sup>1</sup> Thus, the FISC approved collection activity in a total of 1,416 of the applications that included requests for authority to conduct electronic surveillance.

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<sup>1</sup> In addition to the 19 orders modified with respect to applications made during the reporting period, the FISC modified two orders for applications after first granting authorization. The FISC also modified two orders for applications made in a prior reporting period during the current reporting period.



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We hope that this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if you would like additional assistance regarding this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

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Peter J. Kadzik  
Assistant Attorney General



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*Washington, D.C. 20530*

April 30, 2012

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.  
President  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. President:

This report is submitted pursuant to sections 107 and 502 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 (the "Act"), as amended, 50 U.S.C. § 1801 *et seq.*, and section 118 of USA PATRIOT Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2005, Pub. L. No. 109-177 (2006). In accordance with those provisions, this report covers all applications made by the Government during calendar year 2011 for authority to conduct electronic surveillance for foreign intelligence purposes under the Act, all applications made by the Government during calendar year 2011 for access to certain business records (including the production of tangible things) for foreign intelligence purposes, and certain requests made by the Federal Bureau of Investigation pursuant to national security letter authorities. In addition, while not required to do so by statute, the Government is providing information concerning the number of applications made during calendar year 2011 for authority to conduct physical searches for foreign intelligence purposes.

**Applications Made to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court During Calendar Year 2011** (section 107 of the Act, 50 U.S.C. § 1807)

During calendar year 2011, the Government made 1,745 applications to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (hereinafter "FISC") for authority to conduct electronic surveillance and/or physical searches for foreign intelligence purposes. The 1,745 applications include applications made solely for electronic surveillance, applications made solely for physical search, and combined applications requesting authority for electronic surveillance and physical search. Of these, 1,676 applications included requests for authority to conduct electronic surveillance.

Of these 1,676 applications, two were withdrawn by the Government. The FISC did not deny any applications in whole, or in part. The FISC made modifications to the proposed orders in 30 applications. Thus, the FISC approved collection activity in a total of 1,674 of the applications that included requests for authority to conduct electronic surveillance.



**Applications for Access to Certain Business Records (Including the Production of Tangible Things) Made During Calendar Year 2011** (section 502 of the Act, 50 U.S.C. § 1862(c)(1))

During calendar year 2011, the Government made 205 applications to the FISC for access to certain business records (including the production of tangible things) for foreign intelligence purposes. The FISC did not deny, in whole or in part, any such application filed by the Government during calendar year 2011. The FISC made modifications to 176 proposed orders in applications for access to business records.

**Requests Made for Certain Information Concerning Different United States Persons Pursuant to National Security Letter Authorities During Calendar Year 2011** (USA PATRIOT Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2005, Pub. L. No. 109-177 (2006))

Pursuant to Section 118 of the USA PATRIOT Improvement and Reauthorization Act, Pub. L. 109-177 (2006), the Department of Justice provides Congress with annual reports regarding requests made by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) pursuant to the National Security Letter (NSL) authorities provided in 12 U.S.C. § 3414, 15 U.S.C. § 1681u, 15 U.S.C. § 1681v, 18 U.S.C. § 2709, and 50 U.S.C. § 436.

In 2011, the FBI made 16,511 NSL requests (excluding requests for subscriber information only) for information concerning United States persons. These sought information pertaining to 7,201 different United States persons.

We hope that this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may provide additional assistance regarding this or any other matter.

Sincerely,



Ronald Weich  
Assistant Attorney General