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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE SENIOR ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT
AND LEGAL ADVISOR TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL**

**SUBJECT: ~~(FOUO)~~ Potential Revisions to Executive Order 12333 - INFORMATION
MEMORANDUM**

~~(C)~~ Since the mid-September meeting you convened at the Old Executive Office Building, we have considered carefully the need for a revision of Executive Order 12333.

~~(C)~~ We agree with the comments of those in attendance who pointed out that the Order could usefully be updated at some point to reflect the current structure of the Intelligence Community (e.g., include the Department of Homeland Security in the Order), and that similar cosmetic changes may be in order as well. We would support a rewrite to make such changes, though we question whether this is the appropriate time to undertake this effort.

~~(C)~~ However, we also believe that the fundamental structure and essence of the Order strike the appropriate balance between personal privacy and national security, and that no essential changes to the National Security Agency's authorities are required in order to effectively carry out our mission.

~~(U//FOUO)~~ If I can be of further assistance, please contact me at [redacted] or [redacted] on [redacted]

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