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BY HAND

Hon. John G. Koeltl United States District Judge, Southern District of New York Daniel Patrick Moynihan U.S. Courthouse 500 Pearl Street New York, NY 10007

Re:

Amnesty International USA, et al., v. McConnell, et al.,

No. 08 Civ. 6259 (JGK)

Dear Judge Koeltl:

I write on behalf of defendants in the above-referenced action to report additional information pertaining to plaintiffs' pending "Motion for Disclosure," which sought information relating to certain proceedings in the FISA Court of Review.

The Government has been authorized by the FISA Court of Review to disclose publicly that since August 22, 2008, (1) there have been no requests by any party for further review in the *In re Directives* litigation, and (2) there have been no judicial orders or opinions entered or legal briefs filed that pertain to any such review.

I have provided this information to plaintiffs' counsel, who has indicated that plaintiffs will promptly withdraw their "Motion for Disclosure" in the above-referenced proceeding in light of this representation.

I respectfully request that this letter be docketed. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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