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August 12, 2014

The Honorable Eric H. Holder, Jr.
 Attorney General
 United States Department of Justice
 Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Attorney General Holder:

I write to ask that the Department of Justice not release documents through Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) litigation that relate to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) Study of the CIA's Detention and Interrogation Program until parts of the Study itself are declassified and publicly released by the Committee.

The Committee and the Obama Administration are now engaged in negotiations over the declassification of the Executive Summary and Findings and Conclusions of the Committee's Study. I have every expectation that those negotiations will result in a mutually-agreeable version of those documents for public release in the next few weeks.

Not only would it be inappropriate for the Department to release documents related to the Committee's Study prior to the Committee's own release, but the result of the ongoing negotiations will likely positively affect the redactions in the documents being sought through the FOIA process in *ACLU v. CIA et al.*, 13-cv-1870, *Leopold v. CIA*, 14-cv-48, and *Leopold v. CIA*, 13-cv-1324). The documents plaintiffs are seeking via FOIA include the following:

- (1) The Executive Summary and Findings and Conclusions of the SSCI Study of the CIA's Detention and Interrogation Program;
- (2) The CIA's Response to the SSCI Study; and
- (3) The Panetta Report, an internal study commissioned by former CIA Director Leon Panetta of the same program.


As your Department stated in a June 15, 2014 filing, "plaintiffs will not be prejudiced by [a] requested extension; if anything, they will benefit from a process

designed to declassify and release as much information to the public as possible without unduly harming national security.”

I have no objection to the release of these three documents, but given that the declassification process for the Executive Summary and Findings and Conclusions may still be ongoing on August 29, 2014, when the next filings are due in the FOIA litigation, I ask that you request an additional one-month delay from the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, where the FOIA litigation is pending.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dianne Feinstein". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dianne" being particularly prominent.

Dianne Feinstein
Chairman

cc: The Honorable James Clapper
The Honorable John Brennan
Mr. Denis McDonough