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Lieutenant General Lincoln D. Faurer, USAF
Director
National Security Agency
Fort George G. Meade, MD 20755

Dear General Faurer:

The Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO) is responsible to the President for the implementation of Executive Order 12356, entitled "National Security Information." Section 5.2 of the Order provides that the Director of ISOO oversee agency actions to ensure compliance with the Order and its implementing directives.

Recently, an article appeared in the New York Times that raised certain allegations about the National Security Agency (NSA) improperly classifying documents at the George Marshall Library at the Virginia Military Institute. Many of the documents were allegedly in the public domain for a considerable period of time and information from them was included in the book The Puzzle Palace by James Bamford. Because of my responsibilities under the Order, I request a full briefing on the circumstances surrounding the classification/reclassification of the documents in question and the authority for NSA's actions.

Thank you very much for your continuing cooperation.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Steven Garfinkel

STEVEN GARFINKEL
Director

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Concurrence _____

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