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The Honorable Dennis C. Blair
Director of National Intelligence
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The Honorable Leon Panetta
Director
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Washington, DC 20505

Dear Director Blair and Director Panetta:

Thank you for your letters of May 5 and May 6 and the accompanying list of briefings received by Members of Congress on Enhanced Interrogation Techniques. I appreciate this response to my earlier requests, as well as the opportunity to personally review the relevant Memoranda for the Record yesterday afternoon at CIA Headquarters on such short notice.

While our records suggest that there may have been a few additional briefings, on the whole the information provided was very helpful. However, my personal review of the Memoranda for the Record has only reinforced my view that those documents provide the best record of briefings that were memorialized with such records.

Given that the underlying programs have now been publicly disclosed by the President and that a general description of each briefing has been declassified, I am requesting that the MFRs be reviewed for declassification and publicly released as soon as possible. While I understand that some information relating to sources and methods or the ongoing Committee and criminal investigations of the destruction of interrogation videotapes may need to be withheld or redacted, my own review suggests that much of this material should be able to be made publicly available quickly.

Once again, thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Pete Hoekstra
Ranking Republican