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The Honorable Dennis C. Blair
Director of National Intelligence
Washington, DC 20511

Dear Director Blair:

Following up on my letter of April 20, 2009, I am writing to reiterate my request for a full, complete, and correct list of the dates, locations, and names of all members of Congress who attended briefings with respect to the use of enhanced interrogation techniques by the Central Intelligence Agency, which I have not yet received. In addition, I am formally requesting copies of all Memoranda for the Record prepared memorializing the substance and attendees at any and all such briefings.

With respect to the list of Members briefed on Enhanced Interrogation Techniques, while I appreciate the interim response on April 22 I am concerned that the list provided is incomplete and inaccurate. It is less comprehensive and complete than other briefing lists that the CIA has previously provided to the Committee, and it also appears to contain errors. Moreover, since the documents already in the possession of the Committee clearly indicate that careful records were kept with respect to these briefings by the CIA, it is difficult to understand the delay in receiving a full and complete accounting. This information should be disclosed fully, accurately, and immediately, because the public record on this issue cannot be a selective one.

With respect to briefing memoranda, review of such documents already in the possession of the Committee clearly indicates that they provide a record of the attendees at each such briefing, as well as a very precise accounting of the substance of each briefing. I believe that these records will clear up any questions that may exist about precisely what information was provided to Members of Congress on these matters, as well as the degree of bipartisan consensus that existed with respect to the programs in question.

These documents should be provided immediately, and Congress is clearly entitled to records of its own briefings. In any event, however, it is imperative that you immediately gather any such materials in the possession of the Executive Branch and ensure that they are preserved. Serious questions would arise if any such briefing records were destroyed or unavailable for review by the Committee.

Thank you for your assistance in this important matter.

Sincerely,

Peter Hoekstra
Ranking Republican

cc: Director Panetta