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The Honorable James R. Clapper
Director
Office of the Director of National Intelligence
Washington, DC 20511

Dear Director Clapper:

Thank you for your letter of September 23, 2013, responding to my letter of August 22, 2013, to you and Attorney General Holder. It was the March 29, 2013 briefing by the Department of Justice referenced in your letter that led to the Board's concern that some of the guidelines are extremely dated.

I am glad you share the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board's view that the Executive Order 12333 guidelines should be kept up to date. With the passage of decades in which there have been dramatic changes in technology and public concern about government surveillance efforts, it is crucial that the documents which provide a framework for the conduct of intelligence activities by U.S. intelligence agencies be updated to reflect those developments.

We will reach out to ODNI's Civil Liberties Protection Officer to schedule a briefing with your office and the Department of Justice. My August 22, 2013 letter requested that PCLOB receive by October 31, 2013, an agency-by-agency schedule establishing a time frame for updating each agency's guidelines. We look forward to discussing that schedule at our briefing.

Sincerely,

David Medine
Chairman

cc: Attorney General Eric H. Holder, Jr.