

DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE
WASHINGTON, DC 20511

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Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board
2100 K Street Northwest, Suite 500
Washington, D.C. 20427

Dear Mr. Chairman and Board Members :

Thank you for your letter of August 22, 2013 inquiring about the guidelines that elements of the Intelligence Community (IC) must establish under Section 2.3 of Executive Order 12333, governing collection, retention, and dissemination of information concerning United States persons. I am responding to your letter on behalf of myself and the Attorney General.

We share your view that the Executive Order 12333 guidelines should be updated where necessary to reflect changes in the government's intelligence collection practices and changes in technology over time. The Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) and the Department of Justice have been working with elements of the IC to review and, as appropriate, update and harmonize these guidelines. As you may know, on March 29, 2013, the Department of Justice briefed the Board at its request on status of ongoing efforts to modernize existing guidelines.

My office and the Department of Justice would be happy to brief the Board on the current status of these important efforts. I have directed the ODNI's Civil Liberties Protection Officer to work with my General Counsel's office and with the Department of Justice to coordinate the briefing.

If you have any further questions or comments, please contact Mr. Alexander W. Joel, Civil Liberties Protection Officer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James R. Clapper", with a stylized flourish at the end.

James R. Clapper

cc: Attorney General Eric Holder