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(U) AFFIDAVIT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE  
NATIONAL COUNTERTERRORISM CENTER

(S) DNI/AG 702(g) Certification

(S//NF) Pursuant to subsection 702(g)(2)(C) of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, as amended ("the Act"), and in support of DNI/AG 702(g) Certification [REDACTED], I affirm the following is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief:

1. (U) As Director of the National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC), I am responsible for analyzing and integrating all intelligence possessed or acquired by the U.S. Government pertaining to terrorism or counterterrorism, except purely domestic counterterrorism information. These functions are carried out by and through NCTC. NCTC's mission includes serving as the central and shared knowledge bank on known and suspected terrorists and international terror groups, providing all-source intelligence support to government-wide counterterrorism activities, and disseminating terrorism information to the President, the Vice President, the Secretaries of State, Defense and Homeland Security, the Attorney General, the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and other officials of the executive branch as appropriate, and to the appropriate committees of Congress. In addition, NCTC serves as the primary organization for strategic operational planning for counterterrorism, and establishes the information technology systems and architectures within the NCTC and between the NCTC and other agencies that enable access to, as well as integration, dissemination, and use of, terrorism information.

2. (S//NF) Pursuant to the above-referenced certification, the National Security Agency (NSA) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) may acquire unminimized communications, [(b)(1); (b)(3); (b)(7)(E)]

3. (U//FOUO) NCTC seeks to receive [(b)(1); (b)(3); (b)(7)(E)] unminimized communications acquired pursuant to the above-referenced certification. In certain cases, NCTC seeks unminimized communications because it possesses unique analytic and processing expertise and capabilities that will permit it to identify and assess significant foreign intelligence information in unminimized communications that might otherwise go undetected. In some cases, NCTC seeks unminimized communications because it has unique capabilities that will enable it to identify foreign intelligence information in unminimized communications on a more expedited and efficient basis than would otherwise occur. In other cases, NCTC seeks unminimized communications because NCTC possesses unique access to government-wide datasets, intelligence reporting, and operational information [(b)(1); (b)(3); (b)(7)(E)] which when analyzed in conjunction with the unminimized communications will yield significant

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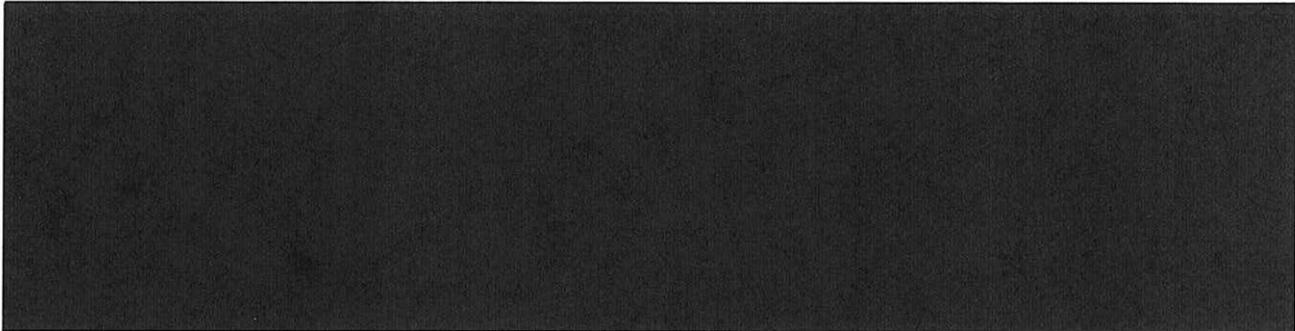
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foreign intelligence information. NCTC also seeks unminimized communications because NCTC disseminates foreign intelligence information through multiple NCTC intelligence products.



5. (SAC) Apart from NCTC's access to unminimized section 702-acquired communications, as outlined in the FBI's section 702 minimization procedures attached herewith as Exhibit D, NCTC may also have access to minimized terrorism-related information acquired pursuant to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, including information obtained pursuant to section 702 of the Act, through the FBI's general indices (b)(1); (b)(3); (b)(7)(E)

[REDACTED] NCTC's currently applicable minimization procedures with respect to section 702-derived information were submitted for approval to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court during the 2015 certification process and were approved by the Court on November 6, 2015. Pertinent provisions of NCTC's currently applicable section 702 minimization procedures have been incorporated into the NCTC section 702 minimization procedures attached herewith as Exhibit G, which are being submitted for approval in connection with DNI/AG 702(g) Certifications [REDACTED]

6. (U) I have reviewed the minimization procedures attached herewith as Exhibit G. NCTC will follow these minimization procedures with respect to any unminimized communications it receives from NSA or FBI acquired pursuant to the DNI/AG 702(g) Certification [REDACTED] as well as any minimized section 702-derived information acquired pursuant to the above-referenced certification that NCTC obtains through the FBI's general indices.

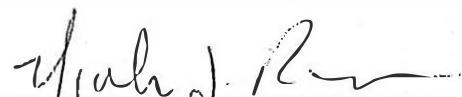
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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

  
NICHOLAS RASMUSSEN  
Director, National Counterterrorism Center

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