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The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable John Conyers, Jr.
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary.
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Madam and Messrs. Chairmen:

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Chairman
Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Silvestre Reyes
Chairman

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

In accordance with Section 707 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), 50
U.S.C. § 1881f(a), (b)(1), we are submitting herewith the first semiannual report of the Department of Justice concerning acquisitions under Section 702 of FISA, 50 U.S.C. § 1881a. The Office of the Director of National Intelligence and the Department of Justice are currently completing the related joint assessment of Section 702 acquisition activities, required by Section 702(1) of the FISA, 50 U.S.C. § 1881a(1). This assessment will further discuss the issues identified in the enclosed semiannual report. We expect to provide this assessment to Congress

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We hope that this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if you would like additional assistance regarding this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

M. Faith Burton
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Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Arlen Specter
The Honorable Christopher S. Bond
The Honorable Lamar S. Smith
The Honorable Peter Hoekstra

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