

## ODNI Review Group Comments

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There is so much which can be said regarding the incredible outrage i feel towards the NSA and the Obama administration following the disclosures we have seen thus far, and in anticipation of more to come. So much so, that to begin a listing of all the issues would fill an entire library of injustice and illegalities. Choosing a point of discussion becomes an overwhelming task with so many wrong doings.

But of everything which has been disclosed by Edward Snowden and the various media outlets, the one point which strikes me as most significant and damaging has to be the absolute conclusion that there can no longer be any trust given to the NSA and the Obama administration by anyone on the planet.

This administration has failed itself and the American people by firstly making decisions that would, without a doubt, have this catastrophic result, and secondly, by apparently, not even taking this result into consideration as a critical aspect of "national security".

There can be no "national security" in a nation that has done such horrors as to violate all trust in them from every human on the planet. How willing would any nation be, who has been exposed to this activity, to do harm to our nation at the first opportunity presented to it? How willing would "allied nations" be to simply look the other way as harm is planned and carried out against us? How willing would the American people be to simply disregard our President and the NSA when they try to inform us of any "threats" in the future, whether real or not.

It is my opinion that the loss of trust is the most damaging event that has ever harmed our nation in all our history.

So how do we repair this? is it even possible to reestablish the trust in the USA ever again? Certainly the repeated statements from our President, the NSA, and his administration that all these disclosures are true, but you have to "trust us" is more than a complete waste of time. Contrary to their words, no, we do not "have to" trust them, and anyone would be a complete fool to do so.

In order to even begin to restore trust and even think about repairing this damage, it will require some radical changes to be done!

it is this that i propose:

1. Completely dismantle the NSA.

Since the FBI deals with counter terrorism within the borders of the USA and the CIA deals with counter terrorism in foreign countries...why do we need an NSA, who is part of the Dept of Defense, spying on America ?

Remove the NSA from the hands of the DOD.

The sections dealing with domestic threats goes to the FBI.

Foreign threats to the CIA.

Dismantling the NSA will restore public and foreign trust in a government willing to do drastic measures to restore our trust.

The FBI is still bound by constitutional and supreme court law and are bound by the proper issuance of search warrants based upon probable cause, no further need of the FISA court.

CIA foreign activities has long been acceptable as secret and private and can continue the actual work of protecting America from foreign terrorist threats.

## 2. Eliminate "private contractors"

As far as private contractors go, if they are truly interested in "protecting our country", then apply for a job at the FBI or the CIA, accept a government salary to do the job like members of those agencies do. lets see how many of you "patriots" are willing, able, and qualified to do this.

## 3. Hold people accountable

This is critical towards the future and to establish the trust in the knowing that this will not ever be repeated again without consequences!

There are other nations with past histories of incredible abuses (Germany, as an example). In order to loose the stigma associated with these acts, extreme measures have had to be implemented in the interest of reestablishing trust.

The USA is in that position now, and all we get from our President is his desire to continue this course to disaster, with no concessions, apologies, nor efforts of true reform nor transparency.

The necessary changes, are therefore, in your hands. American is at a breaking point, it cannot afford another disappointment from our government, have the courage to make the necessary changes to restore hope!

I thank you for this opportunity to make my voice heard.