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The Honorable Robert S. Mueller, III  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
935 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington D.C., 20535

Dear Director <sup>Bob</sup> Mueller:

The ongoing debate over the reauthorization of the USA PATRIOT Act has focused attention on National Security Letters (NSLs) as a tool for intelligence collection. Additionally, press reports last November raised questions about the number of NSLs and the oversight of their use.

After the appearance of these press reports, the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence conducted a single off-the-record staff briefing. Your office also provided the Committee with documents to assist in understanding the format of NSLs. I understand the briefing and materials have been helpful to the staff and I thank you for your cooperation. I still have, however, many outstanding questions related to the FBI's use of NSL's and their value to the intelligence process.

Therefore I ask that you provide a written response to the attached questions and information requests. This information will greatly assist me in evaluating the effectiveness of this important intelligence collection tool.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

*John*  
John D. Rockefeller IV  
Vice Chairman

Attachment

*Bob, And a long list of questions*

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