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Dear Ms. Guliani:

Thank you for your letter dated May 31, 2018, signed by a coalition of advocacy organizations. We take the concerns raised in your letter very seriously. My staff is working closely with the National Security Agency (NSA) to respond to your questions to the extent feasible, while continuing to protect information when disclosure would harm national security.

We are committed to enhancing public understanding of how the Intelligence Community (IC) uses national security authorities. As you may know, I signed a revised version of IC Directive (ICD) 107 on Civil Liberties, Privacy, and Transparency. This directive was originally issued in 2012 to establish IC policy on protecting civil liberties and privacy; I updated it to include transparency. Among other things, ICD 107 calls for engagement with external groups on issues of mutual interest.

As part of that commitment, I would like to invite you and a group of your colleagues to meet with me at Liberty Crossing. I am also inviting the Director of NSA, General Paul Nakasone, who has expressed strong interest in engaging with you. Experts from my office and NSA will be on hand to discuss the matters raised in your letter. I have directed the Civil Liberties Protection Officer, Mr. Alex Joel, to work with you to find a mutually convenient time.

Enhancing transparency is particularly important given the impending need for Congress to consider reauthorizing certain provisions of the USA FREEDOM Act. We continue to search for ways to better inform the public on the IC's use of those authorities. We hope that our engagements with you and your colleagues will help in that regard.

Again, thank you for your letter. I look forward to meeting you and your colleagues.

Sincerely,



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cc: General Paul Nakasone, Director, National Security Agency