

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 6, 2014

President Barack Obama
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I write regarding the requests I made at the recent Senate Select Committee on Intelligence confirmation hearing for Ms. Caroline Krass, whom you have nominated to serve as General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency.

As I expressed to Ms. Krass at her confirmation hearing, I continue to have deep concerns about how the CIA has interacted with the Senate Intelligence Committee throughout the nearly four years that the Committee has been researching and drafting its study of the CIA's detention and interrogation program. I am also deeply concerned about the CIA's repeated public claims that the Committee's study includes "significant errors," a statement that I do not believe is factually accurate. Perhaps as a result of this misinformation, your national security spokesperson, Caitlyn Hayden, released a statement that the White House wanted the Committee and the CIA to continue working to "address issues associated with the report." As I have stated, I do not believe there are any "issues associated with the report," but I do believe there continue to be problems with the CIA's engagement with the Committee on this matter.

At last month's hearing, I explained to Ms. Krass that I need additional information and assurances specific to the Committee's study before I can support her nomination. In particular, I asked for assistance with regard to three requests:

- First, I noted that the CIA has not yet responded to some outstanding requests for cables and other information that are necessary for completion of the Committee's Study. Those requests need to be addressed and fully resolved.
- I also asked that a copy of an internal CIA review of the CIA's detention and interrogation program be provided to the Committee. I believe this review is consistent with the Committee's study, acknowledging mistakes and errors during the CIA program that the CIA's June 2013 response to the Committee denies.
- Finally, I asked for a public statement from the White House committing to the fullest possible declassification of the Committee's study in the most expedient and responsible manner possible.

Mr. President, I believe these are reasonable requests. I want to underscore their importance – as well as the importance of correcting the public record. As you know, the Senate Intelligence Committee's study concludes that in the case of the CIA's detention and interrogation program, inaccurate and misleading information was conveyed by the CIA to the public, the Congress, the Department of Justice, the Department of State — and to the President of the United States. This must never happen again.

In 2009, you made it clear that the CIA's detention and interrogation program and its coercive "enhanced interrogation techniques" had no place in an Obama administration. I deeply appreciate your stand on this and similarly important issues. Further, I strongly believe that coercive interrogation techniques and abusive treatment have no place in any future U.S. administration. For this reason, I look forward to working with you and your team to responsibly declassify the Committee's study of the CIA's detention and interrogation program. Only by doing so can we ensure that the correct lessons are learned from this difficult chapter in our country's history, and the policy and management issues uncovered are corrected and never repeated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Udall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Mark Udall
U.S. Senator

Cc: John Brennan
Director, Central Intelligence Agency