



Many of our organizations have long been concerned about a lack of transparency and accountability within the intelligence establishment. Both before and under your leadership, we have criticized intelligence agencies for excessive secrecy. We had done so in the genuine hope that improvements would be made, and that we would be in a position to write a letter of support rather than one of opposition. We are happy to have the opportunity today with respect to the initiation of the FCGR process. Please let us know if we can provide any assistance with this process as you and the agencies move forward.

Sincerely,

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