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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

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The Honorable Ron Wyden
Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Wyden:

Senator Wyden
I am writing in response to the question you asked of me at the "World-Wide Threats" hearing on 29 January 2014. You asked whether the Computer Crimes and Abuse Act, codified at 18 U.S.C. § 1030, applies to the Central Intelligence Agency. The answer is the statute does apply. The Act, however, expressly "does not prohibit any lawfully authorized investigative, protective, or intelligence activity . . . of an intelligence agency of the United States." 18 U.S.C. § 1030(f).

Sincerely,

John O. Brennan
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Cc: Chairman Dianne Feinstein
Vice Chairman Saxby Chambliss

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