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Hugo Teufel, III
Chief Privacy Officer
The Privacy Office
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, DC 20528

Dear Mr. Teufel:


According to the DHS Privacy Office Reports page, the most recent report to Congress, for the period of April 2003 to June 2004, was published in February 2005.¹ One year ago this week, Chief Privacy Officer Nuala O’Connor Kelly said that she hoped the next annual report would be released “sometime in the end of next quarter.”² And we note that the Inspector General for the Department of Homeland Security has routinely submitted the semiannual reports to Congress on a timely basis.³

As the Privacy Office now has over two years of operations on which there has been no annual report as required by statute, we would like to know when the annual report will be published.

Sincerely,

Marc Rotenberg
EPIC Executive Director

Melissa Ngo
Director, EPIC Identification and Surveillance Project

cc: Chairman Susan Collins, Committee on Homeland Security
Ranking Member Joseph Lieberman, Committee on Homeland Security