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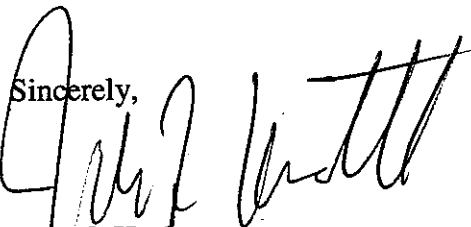
Dear Ms. McCall:

We received your 15 June 2012 facsimile to the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, wherein you requested, under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), **“...guidelines and legal memoranda relating to the National Counterterrorism Center’s...access and acquisition of data as described in the March 22, 2012 Guidelines for Access, Retention, Use, Dissemination by the National Counterterrorism Center and Other Agencies of Information in Datasets Containing Non-Terrorism Information (‘NCTC Guidelines’).”**

We accept your request and it will be processed in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended.

With respect to your request for expedited processing, please be advised that ODNI handles all requests in the order we receive them on a “first-in, first-out” basis. We make exceptions to this rule only when a requester establishes a compelling need under the standards in our regulations. A “compelling need” exists: 1) when the matter involves an imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual, or 2) when a person primarily engaged in disseminating information makes the request and the information is relevant to a subject of public urgency concerning an actual or alleged Federal government activity. Your request does not demonstrate a “compelling need” under these criteria and, therefore, we deny your request for expedited processing.

If you have any questions, please call the ODNI Requester Service Center at (703) 874-8500.

Sincerely,

John F. Hackett
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