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Colleagues,

I am writing to summarize two releases of information that will occur on Monday.

First, DOJ will release a large number of documents related to interrogation and detention in the Bush Administration. These were produced by the CIA, DOJ, DOD, State and others, pursuant to FOIA litigation brought by the ACLU and Amnesty International. L has reviewed materials that DOJ flagged as most sensitive or of greatest interest to State.

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Second, DOJ will issue a press release summarizing (at a very high level) the recommendations of the Task Force on Interrogation and Transfers.

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I paste the draft press release at the end of this message.

Joan

Additional details on the documents follow:

1. CIA Inspector General's Report: This is a 2004 IG report concerning allegations of abusive interrogation techniques. Even with heavy redactions, the report contains descriptions of unauthorized conduct (including the intimidation of detainees with a gun in one case and with a power drill in another) that have already garnered the attention of the Washington Post.

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2. 2007 OLC Opinion on Interrogation Techniques and Various One-Off Approvals. These include a 2007 OLC opinion authorizing various enhanced interrogation techniques that OLC withdrew in June 2009 (the memorandum of withdrawal will also be released) as well as between 10 and 20 short letters from DOJ to the CIA authorizing the use of certain techniques in specific cases.

3. 2006 OLC Opinions on Conditions of Confinement. These include two opinions finding various CIA detention practices to be consistent with applicable international law.

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4. Two CIA Documents Purporting to Describe Effectiveness of Enhanced Interrogation. These are two white papers prepared by the CIA that former VP Cheney has suggested prove the effectiveness of the enhanced interrogation methods in saving American lives. They describe how much of the useful information obtained from certain high value detainees was derived through non-coercive methods.

5. CIA/OLC Correspondence and Miscellany. We understand that there are [Redacted] additional DOJ/OL and CIA documents that concern interrogation-related issues.

6. SASC Hearing Announcement. As previously discussed with Cheryl, the documents to be released will include CIA documents listing CIA briefings for members of Congress and staff about the CIA interrogation and rendition program, including a document regarding a Senate Armed Services hearing on "Discussion of Renditions, interrogations, detainees, and prisoner abuse" on March 17, 2005.

7. State documents. The documents relate to alleged "ghost" detainees, the Enforced Disappearances Convention, the second periodic report to the UN Committee Against Torture, and the third periodic report to the UN Human Rights Committee.

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Draft DOJ press release on Task Force Report follows:

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