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General Brent Scowcroft (USAF Retired) Chairman Intelligence Oversight Board Room 5020 New Executive Office Building 725 17th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20503

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Dear General Scowcroft:

This letter forwards for your information a self-explanatory enclosure entitled, "Intelligence Oversight Board (IOB) Matter, IOB 2004 (U)

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The enclosure sets forth details of investigative activity which the FBI has determined may have been contrary to the Attorney General Guidelines for FBI Foreign Intelligence Collection and Foreign Counterintelligence Investigations and/or laws, Executive Orders, or Presidential Directives which govern FBI foreign counterintelligence and international terrorism investigations. (U)

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General Brent Scowcroft (USAF Retired)

Should you or any member of your staff require additional information concerning this matter, an oral briefing will be arranged for you at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Julie Thomas Deputy General Counsel

Enclosure

- 1 The Honorable John D. Ashcroft Attorney General U.S. Department of Justice Room 5111
- 1 Mr. James Baker
 Counsel, Office of Intelligence Policy and Review
 U.S. Department of Justice
 Room 6150

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INTELLIGENCE OVERSIGHT BOARD (IOB) MATTER IOB 2004 (U)

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	(S) Investigation of this IOB matter has determined that a new	
	Special Agent in the Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation used	
(S) ا	information derived from authorized electronic surveillance of a	to
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Such information is relevant in national security investigations of this type.

However, the proper method for obtaining bank records is through a National Security Letter under Title 12, United States Code, Section 3414(a)(1)(A). Access to financial records by government authorities through means not provided by law is prohibited under Title 12, United States Code, Section 3402.

The Agent recorded her action on a case review sheet associated with the subject's file. However, no other record of the incident was made or retained by the FBI. The matter came to light during the course of a file review, when it was noted by the Agent's supervisor. The Agent has since been counseled concerning the Right to Financial Privacy Act (RFPA) and the correct method for obtaining financial records under the RFPA.

(U) This matter has been referred to the FBI's Office of Professional Responsibility for such action as may be appropriate.

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(5)	Administrative: (U) This communication footnotes. To read the footnote document in WordPerfect 8.			or more	
	Details: (U) Referenced electron Inspection Division (ID) to OGC (NSLB), dated May 28, 2003, advisoration involving actions exceptioned matter and has determined warranted. Our analysis follows:	, Nation ised OGO eeding t GC has n ined tha	al Security La c of a possible the authorized reviewed the fa	w Branch IN IOB Scope of Acts of the O the IOB is	
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(U) (S) Title 18, United States Code, Section 2709, Counterintelligence access to Telephone Toll and Transactional Records states that:

contrary to Executive order or Presidential directive.

activities that they have reason to believe may be unlawful or

(b) Required certification. -- The Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or his designee . . . may-

(1) request the name, address, length of service, and local and long distance toll billing records of a person or entity if the Director . . . certifies in writing to the wire or electronic communication service

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provider to which the request is made that the name, address, length of service, and toll billing records sought are relevant to an authorized investigation ...

would likely constitute an IOB violation. In the instant case, however, the subject of the investigation was not a US Person but rather

As such, the sole determination we must make is whether the FBI's failure to conform to its internal administrative requirements -i.e., the National Foreign Intelligence Program Manual (NFIPM) - is reportable as a matter of policy, to the IQB.

(S) As previously discussed, in this instance,

operating under the mistaken belief that the information provided was covered under an existing FISA. Upon learning of the mistake, a NSL was retrospectively issued to cover the period in question. It is clear that the error committed did not impinge upon the individual rights of a US Person. Although the Attorney General Guidelines for FBI Foreign Intelligence Collection and Foreign Counterintelligence Investigation (FCIG) have been modified as of October 31, 2003, the underlying principal remains the same, and consequently, because io nly violations of ithe FCIG which iare designed to safeguard the rights of U.S. persons are required to be reported to the IOB, it is our opinion that this matter need not be reported to the IOB. Consistent with our prior opinions, a record of this decision should be maintained in the control file for future review by Counsel to the IOB.

Lead(s):

Set Lead 1: (Action)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE DIVISION

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(U) For action deemed appropriate.

Set Lead 2: (Action)

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Director's Office From: General Counsel (U) 278-HQ-C1229736-VIO, 05/03/2005 Re: On 07/06/04 the inadvertently obtained material was segregated and forwarded to FBIHQ for sequestration. At no (S) .-time was any further investigative action taken with respect to b1 the information received pertaining to the No written summaries of communications were made. (\mathbf{U}) The foregoing information was obtained from ECs b6 on 7/06/04 (see 278-HQ-C1229736, drafted by SA b7C serial 535). (U)Pursuant to the Electronic Communications Privacy Act (ECPA), 18 U.S.C. §§ 2709, the FBI can issue National Security Letters (NSLs) for: (1) telephone subscriber information (limited to name, address, and length of service); (2) telephone local and long distance toll billing records; and (3) electronic communication transactional records. \angle S) Under the authority of Executive Order 12333, dated December 4, 1981, and pursuant to Title 18, United States Code (U.S.C.). Section 2709 the FBI intended to request the b1(S) ---**b**2 b7E Section 2.4 of Executive Order 12863 (September 13, 1993, 58 F.R. 48441) requires Inspectors General and General Counsel of the Intelligence Community, including the FBI, to report to the IOB concerning intelligence activities that they have reason to believe may be unlawful or contrary to Executive order or Presidential directive. This language has been interpreted to mandate the reporting of any violation of law or pertinent Attorney General guidelines that are specifically intended to ensure the protection of the individual rights of U.S. persons. In this case, the inadvertent issuance of an NSL

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violation. Consequently, OGC will prepare a cover letter and

memorandum to report this matter to the IOB.

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constitutes a reportable

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To: Director's Office From: General Counsel

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will also inform the IOB that this matter will be referred to FBI's Office of Professional Responsibility.

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Set Lead 1: (Action)

INSPECTION

AT WASHINGTON, DC

(U) For action deemed appropriate.

Set Lead 2: (Info)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

AT WASHINGTON, DC

(U) Please read and clear.

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(U) For action deemed appropriate.

CC: Ms. Thomas

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To: Director's Office Attn: OPR Counterterrorism UC, CONUS SAC; CDC SAC; CDC	III ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE
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(U) Synopsis: (S) It is the opinion of the Office of Counsel (OGC) that the above referenced matter doe be reported to the Intelligence Oversight Board (I analysis follows.	s not need to
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(U) References: (S) 278-HQ-C1229736-VIO Serial 401 (U) Details: (S) As discussed in the referenced elec	
as that term is defined in of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 19 (S) Section 1801 et seg. Due to administrative back	Section 1801(i) b6 78. 50 U.S.C. b7C
subsequent three day holiday weekend, captioned ma administratively closed in ACS until 02/18/2004. (U) on 11/07/2003. set a routine	tter was not b2
Division to serve a Nati Letter (NSL) in this case. served the telephone provider on 11/14/2003, but provide the requested telephone records to 02/27/2004, after the expiration (02/13/2004) and closure (2/18/2004) of this investigation.	onal Security b4 NSL to the b7D did not until
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On 03/03/2004, notified they had received the telephone toll records requested by b2NSL, but a check of ACS revealed that had closed the investigation. lacksquaresubsequently forwarded the collected b7E telephone records to Without reviewing the telephone records, sealed the telephone records in an envelope and archived the sealed envelope within the closed investigation Section 2-56 of the National Foreign Intelligence Program Manual (NFIPM) requires OGC to determine whether the facts related above are required to be reported to the IOB. For the reasons discussed below, this matter need not be reported to the IOB. (U) Section 2.4 of Executive Order (E.O.) 12863, dated September 13, 1993, mandates that Inspectors General and General Counsels of the Intelligence Community components (in the FBI, the Assistant Director, Inspection Division, and the General Counsel, OGC, respectively) report to the IOB concerning intelligence activities that they have reason to believe may be unlawful or contrary to Executive order or Presidential directive. This language was adopted verbatim from E.O. 12334, dated December 4, 1981, when the IOB was known as the President's Intelligence Oversight Board (PIOB). By longstanding agreement between the FBI and the IOB (and its predecessor, the PIOB), this language has been interpreted to mandate the reporting of any violation of a provision of the Attorney General Guidelines for FBI Foreign Intelligence Collection and Foreign Counterintelligence Investigations (FCIG), il or other guidelines or regulations approved by the Attorney General in accordance with E.O. 12333, dated December 4, 1981, if such provision was designed in full or in part to ensure the protection of the individual rights of U.S. persons. Violations of provisions that are essentially administrative in nature need not be reported to the IOB. The FBI is required, however, to maintain records of such administrative violations so that the Counsel to the IOB may review them upon request. (S) Paragraphs II.C.3., II.D.3., and V.12, of The Attorney General's Guidelines for FBI National Security Investigations and Foreign Intelligence Collection (NSIG) b2 <u>authorize the use of National Security Le</u>tters in a b7E Pursuant to this b4 authority, on 11/07/2003, | lawfully issued a NSL for that requested telephone records in this case. On 11/14/2003, b7D properly served the NSL on subsequent failure to cancel this lead at the time they closed the case was an administrative error that did not affect the lawfulness of the previously served NSL. properly sealed and archived the telephone records received from the NSL because the case was no longer open at the time of their receipt. 3) The late receipt of the telephone records in this NSL VIO-23647

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case constitutes an administrative error, not a substantive violation of law or regulation designed to protect the individual rights of U.S. persons. As discussed above, under longstanding agreement between the FBI and the IOB, administrative errors are not reportable to the IOB. ___slow <u>respons</u>e in this case did not affect the lawfulness of the NSL. has already sealed and archived the records in question. Additionally, none b2of these records were reviewed or used by in its b7E investigation. Under these circumstances, it is OGC's opinion that the late receipt of these telephone records by 64 behalf is not an error that must be reported to the b7D IOB.

(U) A copy of our opinion should be retained in the Counterterrorism Division control file for review by Counsel to the IOB, if requested.

FOOTNOTES

Attorney General's Guidelines for FBI National Security
Investigations and Foreign Intelligence Collection (NSIG).

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AT OPR, FO, DC

(U) For action deemed appropriate.

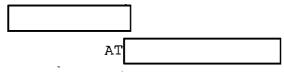
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Counsel (OGC) that the reference the IOB, but, rather, that a maintained in the investigation Counsel to the IOB. Our analyses (U) Derived from Declassify	record of this decion control file for ysis follows. om: G-3 on: X25-1	t be reported to sion should be	
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_	Guidelines. (See EC dated 06/03/2002 page 2 paragraph 4)		
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(U)	By EC dated 07/17/2002, Inspection tasked OGC/NSLU	b2	
	to review the facts set forth herein for determination of a possible IOB violation, with a focus toward assessing whether	b7E	
	exceeded the limits regarding investigation of a person or persons, organization or organizations before any investigation		
	had been authorized.		
(U) ·	After CD-3C submitted the EC regarding possible IOB violations, an analyst from CD-3C was tasked with going through		
	each of the AFOSI investigative summaries to look for specific references to FBI activities. In a document dated June		
•	7, 2002, the analyst, noting that he made a thorough review of		
	the AFOSI reports, listed activities of investigations as having referenced possible FBI activity.	_	
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LEGAL ANALYSIS	
The question presented in this IOB investigation	is
whether or not the F <u>BI exceeded its legal autho</u> rities in the investigation of the The answer i	a –
No. The Attorney General Guidelines For the FBI Foreign	. •
Intelligence Collection And Foreign Counterintelligence	
Investigations, March 8, 1999 (AG Guidelines) were in effect	
during the time periods he <u>rein. Under these quidelines</u> , prior	
opening an investigation (the FB could: collect information from U.S. Government agencies, exa	
FBI records, and review publically available reference materi	
(AG Guidelines, Part III B(5).) Under these same guidelines,	the
FBI had authority to share intelligence information with other	
federal authorities, which would include a Department of Defe	
intelligence agency such as the Air Force OSI. (AG Guidelines Part VII B(2)(a).)	5

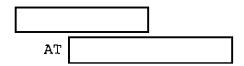
In sum, there is no evidence that the FBI exceeded its legal authority. The Air Force was fully informed of the potential IOB violations, conducted its own investigation, and found no instance where the Air Force exceeded its authority. The validity of the Air Forces conclusion is beyond the scope of SEXRET VIO-23660

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this inquiry.

Therefore, this is not a matter which is required to be reported to the IOB.

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(U) Read and clear.

Set Lead 2: (Adm)

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AT WASHINGTON, DC

(U) Read and clear.

Set Lead 3: (Action)

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INSPECTION

AT WASHINGTON, DC

(U) For review and action deemed appropriate.

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