



U.S. Department of Justice

National Security Division

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Washington, D.C. 20530

The Honorable John D. Bates
Presiding Judge
United States Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court
333 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re:

Dear Judge Bates:

Over the past several weeks, representatives from the Department of Justice's National Security Division (NSD), the National Security Agency (NSA), and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) met to discuss and plan the implementation of the authority recently granted by the Court in the above-captioned matter. Those meetings, among other things, endeavored to ensure that NSD, NSA, and ODNI have a shared understanding of the Court's [REDACTED] Memorandum Opinion and Order. After careful review of those documents, NSD, NSA and ODNI have identified five initial issues concerning the collection of metadata and the Court's authorization. To be certain that metadata collection complies with the Court's authorization, the Government seeks to confirm its understanding of that authorization as it applies to the five issues identified below. (TS//SI//NF)

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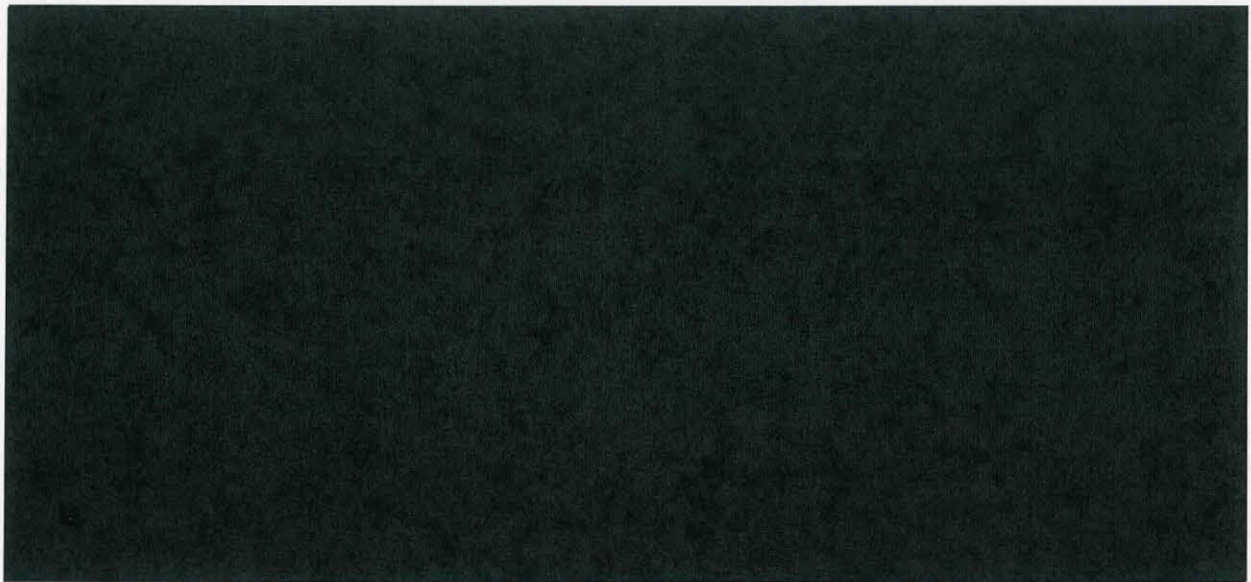
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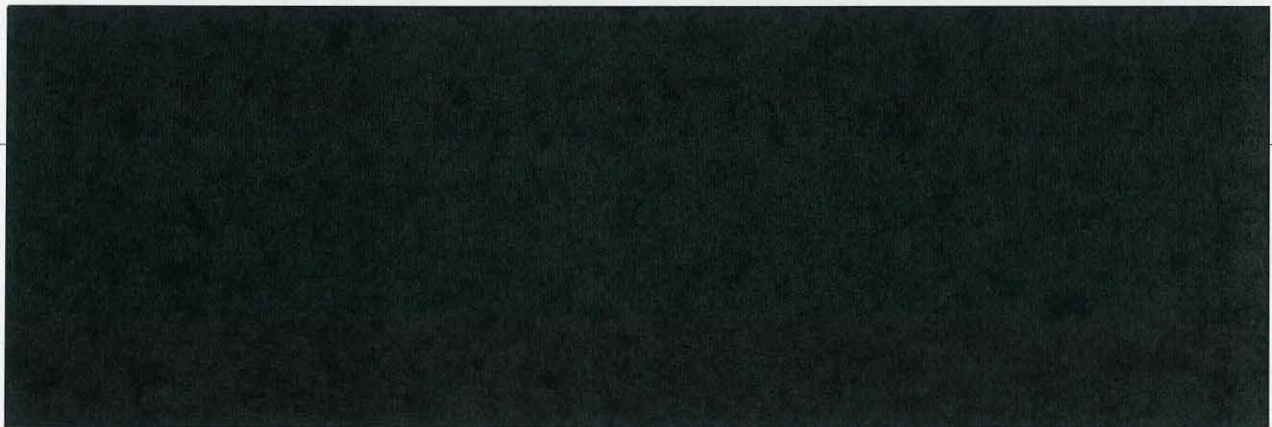


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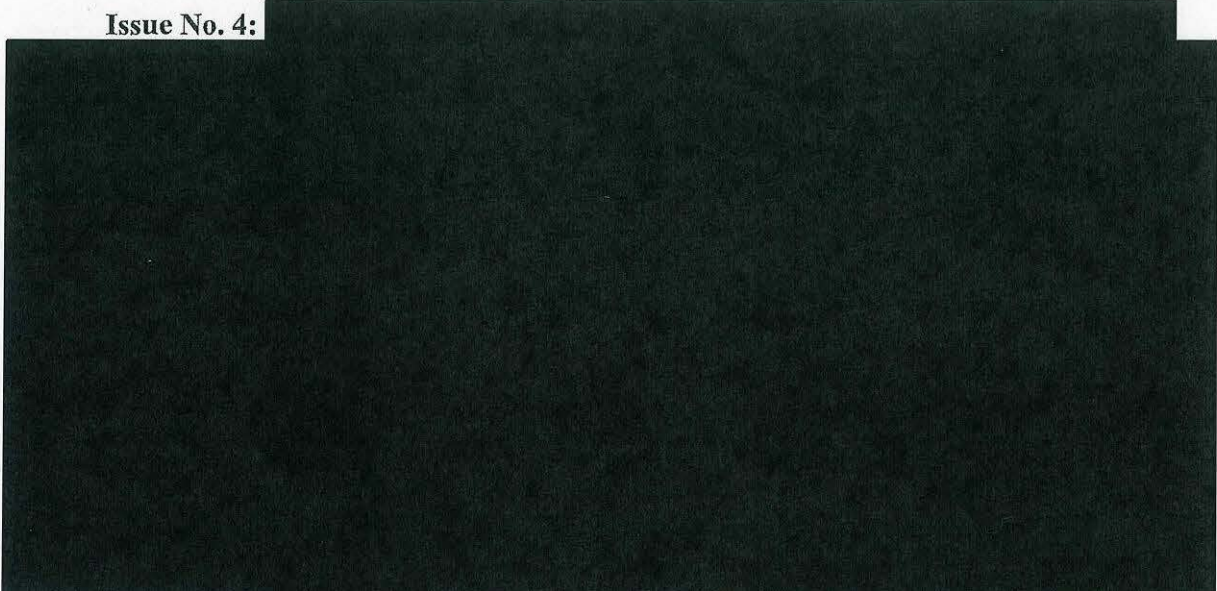




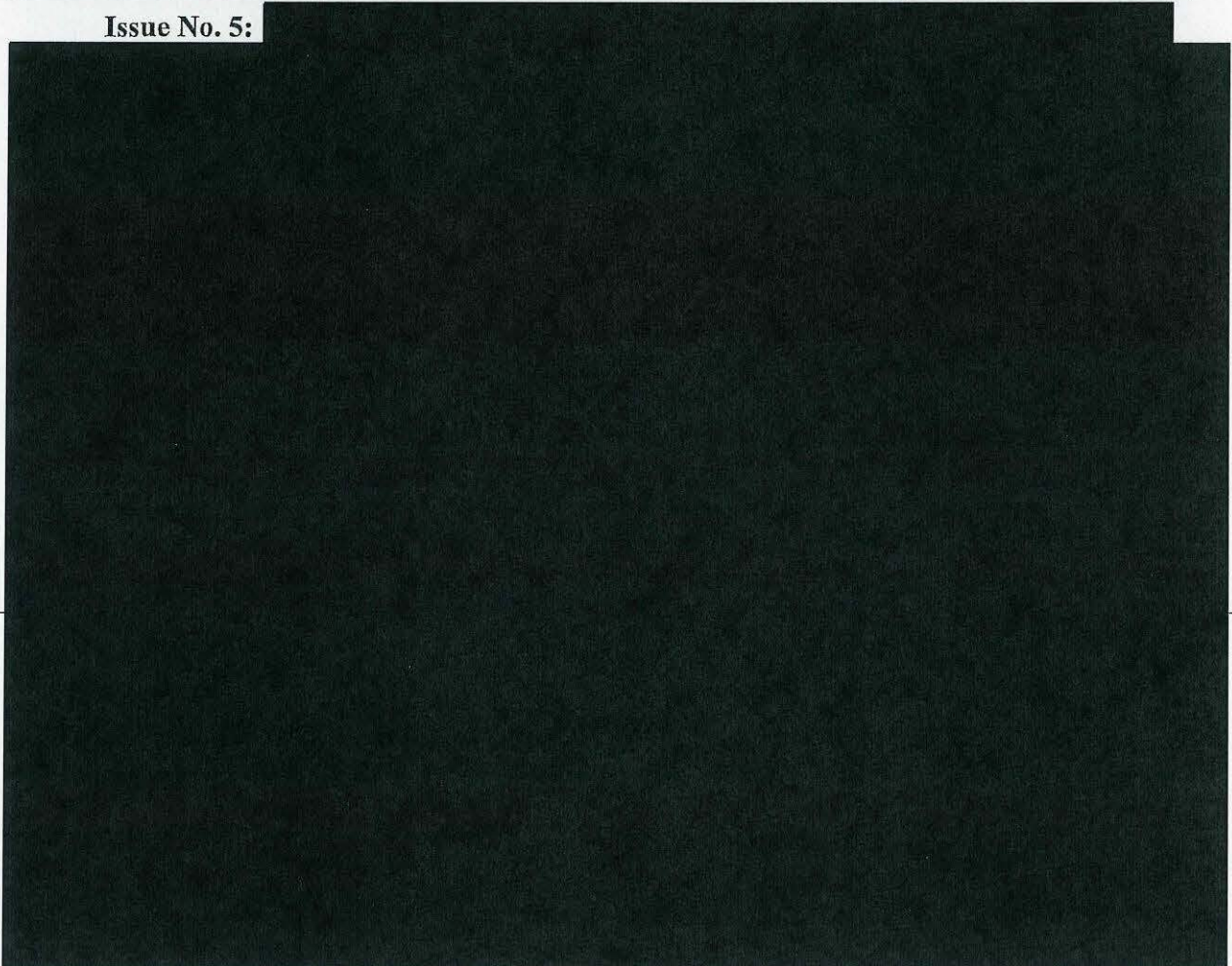
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Issue No. 4:



Issue No. 5:



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Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns. (S)

Sincerely,



Deputy Section Chief for Operations
Office of Intelligence

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