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INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY  
WASHINGTON, DC 20511

MEMORANDUM FOR: SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Whistleblower Communications

(S//NF) On 19 March 2014, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) security notified me that they had conducted an inquiry prompted by routine counterintelligence (CI) monitoring of Government computer systems. As a result of this inquiry, CIA CI personnel obtained emails between our Executive Director of Whistleblowing & Source Protection and Congressional staff. Most of these emails concerned pending and developing whistleblower complaints. CIA security compiled a report that includes excerpts of these whistleblower-related communications, and this report was eventually shared with CIA management. It is my understanding that CIA security did take steps to limit the internal dissemination of this report upon realizing the Inspector General (IG) equities involved.

(S//NF) While the type of monitoring which occurred is lawful and justified for CI purposes, I am not confident that Congressional staff fully understood that their whistleblower-related communications with my Executive Director of Whistleblowing might be reviewed as a result of routine CI monitoring. I am also concerned about the potential compromise to whistleblower confidentiality and the consequent "chilling effect" that the present CI monitoring system might have on Intelligence Community whistleblowing. I will raise this issue with the Intelligence Community Inspectors General Forum and seek a solution involving internal controls that will ensure whistleblower-related communications remain confidential while the necessary CI monitoring occurs. I will work with you and your staff to address any concerns of potentially compromised communications with my Executive Director of Whistleblowing & Source Protection.

(U) Please contact me or Deputy IG, Robert E. Johnson, at [REDACTED], with any questions.

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