United States Senate

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Mr. Michael Morell
Acting Director
Central Intelligence Agency

Dear Acting Director Morell:

In your December 21, 2012, statement to CIA employees regarding the film, *Zero Dark Thirty*, you state that "the film creates the strong impression that enhanced interrogation techniques" were "the key to finding Bin Ladin" and that this impression "is false." However, you went on to refer to multiple streams of intelligence that led CIA analysts to conclude that Bin Ladin was hiding in Abbottabad and stated that "Some came from detainees subjected to enhanced techniques, but there were many other sources as well. And, importantly, whether enhanced interrogation techniques were the only timely and effective way to obtain information from those detainees, as the film suggests, is a matter of debate that cannot and never will be definitively resolved."

In our previous letter of December 18, 2012, we made several points based on the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence's Study of the CIA's Detention and Interrogation program that are potentially inconsistent with your press release. Principal among those points was that "The CIA detainee who provided the most accurate information about the courier provided the information prior to being subjected to coercive interrogation techniques."

Accordingly, we would ask that you provide the following to the Committee:

1. In regards to the Bin Laden operation, what information was acquired from CIA detainees subjected to enhanced interrogation techniques? When was this information provided: prior to, during, or after the detainee was subjected to the CIA's enhanced interrogation techniques? If after, how long after? Please note whether such information corroborated information previously known to the CIA.

2. Please provide specific examples of information that was obtained in a "timely and effective" way from CIA detainees subjected to the CIA's enhanced interrogation techniques? When was this information provided: prior to, during, or after the detainee was subjected to the CIA's enhanced interrogation techniques? If after, how long after? Please note whether such information corroborated information previously known to the CIA.

Thank you for your assistance on this important matter.

Sincerely,

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Carl Levin
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