December 10, 2014

The Honorable Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

Yesterday the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence formally filed the full version of its Study of the Central Intelligence Agency’s Detention and Interrogation Program with the Senate and publicly released the declassified Executive Summary and Findings and Conclusions, as well as the declassified additional and minority views.

The full and final report is enclosed with this letter. It is divided into three volumes, exceeds 6,700 pages, and includes over 37,700 footnotes.

As you said publicly on August 1, 2014, the CIA’s coercive interrogation techniques were techniques that “any fair-minded person would believe were torture,” and “we have to, as a country, take responsibility for that so that, hopefully, we don’t do it again in the future.”

I strongly share your goal to ensure that such a program will not be contemplated by the United States ever again and look forward to working with you to strengthen our resolve against torture. Therefore, the full report should be made available within the CIA and other components of the Executive Branch for use as broadly as appropriate to help make sure that this experience is never repeated. To help achieve that result, I hope you will encourage use of the full report in the future development of CIA training programs, as well as future guidelines and procedures for all Executive Branch employees, as you see fit.
Thank you very much for your continued attention to this issue.

Sincerely yours,

Dianne Feinstein
Chairman

cc: The Honorable James Clapper, Director of National Intelligence
    The Honorable John Brennan, Director, Central Intelligence Agency
    The Honorable Eric Holder, Attorney General
    The Honorable Chuck Hagel, Secretary of Defense
    The Honorable John F. Kerry, Secretary of State
    The Honorable James B. Comey, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
    The Honorable David Buckley, CIA Inspector General