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Scott Koch
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Re: MDR Request – Counterterrorist Operations Course materials

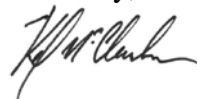
Dear Mr. Koch:

This is a request on behalf of National Security Counselors (“NSC”) pursuant to the provisions of Executive Orders 12958, 13292, and 13526 for Mandatory Declassification Review (“MDR”) of **the most recent course materials, including syllabi, reading materials, examinations, visual aids, and recordings, for the 8-week advanced Counterterrorist Operations Course established by the DCI Counterterrorist Center in or around 1999 as part of the CIA’s “comprehensive operational plan of attack against the Bin Ladin/al-Qa’ida target inside and outside Afghanistan” (“The Plan”).** For your reference, this Counterterrorist Operations Course was referenced in DCI George Tenet’s congressional testimony of 17 October 2002 (located at https://www.cia.gov/news-information/speeches-testimony/2002/dci_testimony_10172002.html) in the twentieth paragraph under the heading “Going to War against al-Qa’ida—‘The Plan’” in the last sentence, “In addition, we established an eight-week advanced Counterterrorist Operations Course to share the tradecraft we had developed and refined over the years.”

We request that any documents or records produced in response to this request be provided in electronic (soft-copy) form wherever possible. Acceptable formats are .pdf, .doc, .jpg, .gif, .tif. Please provide soft-copy records by email or on a CD if email is not feasible.

Your cooperation in this matter would be appreciated. If you wish to discuss this request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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