

THIS FILE IS MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE DECLASSIFICATION EFFORTS AND RESEARCH OF:

# THE BLACK VAULT

THE BLACK VAULT IS THE LARGEST ONLINE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT / GOVERNMENT RECORD CLEARING HOUSE IN THE WORLD. THE RESEARCH EFFORTS HERE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DECLASSIFICATION OF THOUSANDS OF DOCUMENTS THROUGHOUT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, AND ALL CAN BE DOWNLOADED BY VISITING:

[HTTP://WWW.BLACKVAULT.COM](http://www.blackvault.com)

YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO FORWARD THIS DOCUMENT TO YOUR FRIENDS, BUT PLEASE KEEP THIS IDENTIFYING IMAGE AT THE TOP OF THE .PDF SO OTHERS CAN DOWNLOAD MORE!



U.S. Department of Justice

National Security Division

Washington, D.C. 20530

PM 2:53

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:

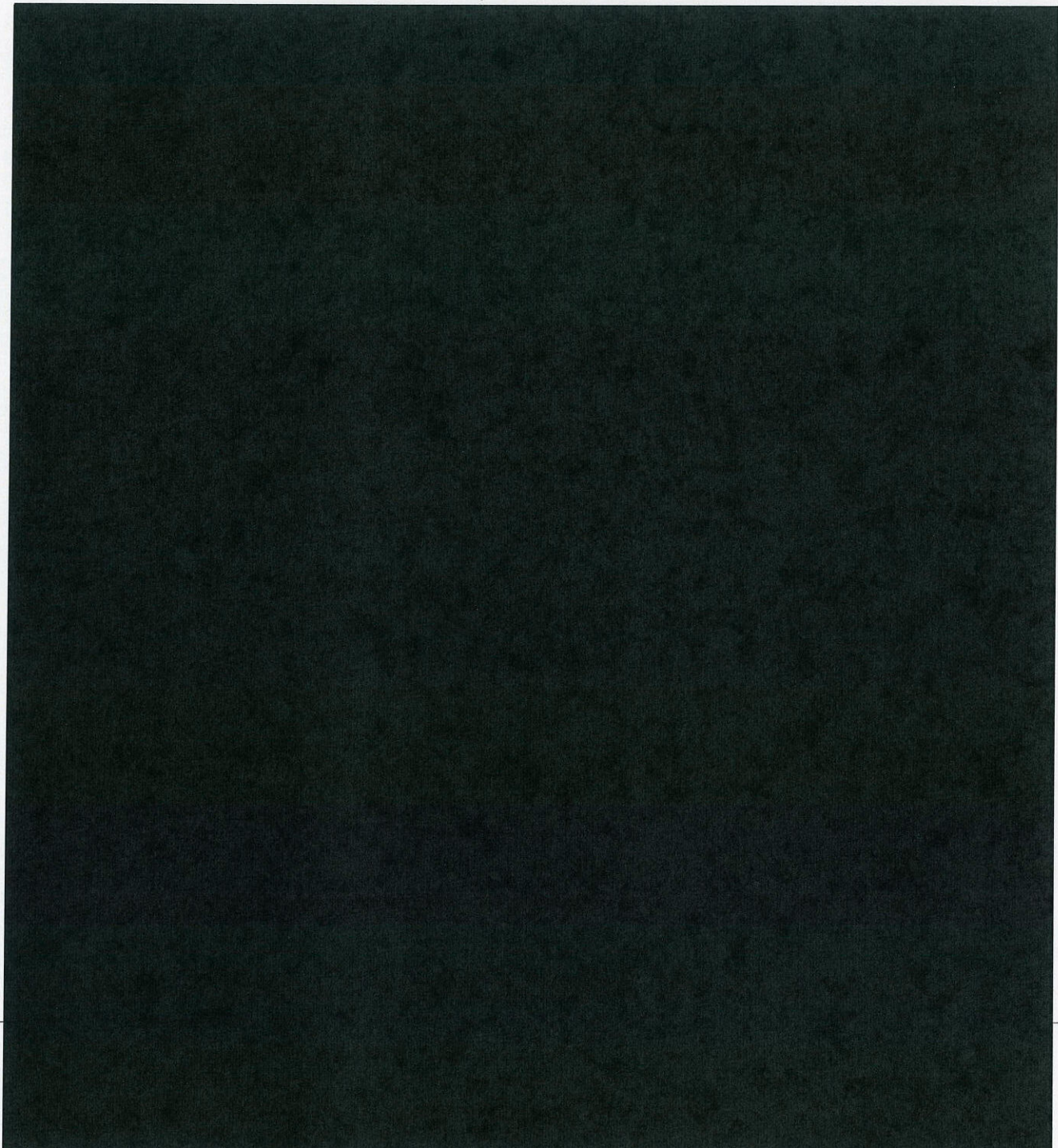
Over the past several weeks, representatives from the Department of Justice's National Security Division (NSD), the National Security Agency (NSA), and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) met to discuss and plan the implementation of the authority recently granted by the Court 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)

Issue No. 1:

~~TOP SECRET//COMINT//NOFORN~~

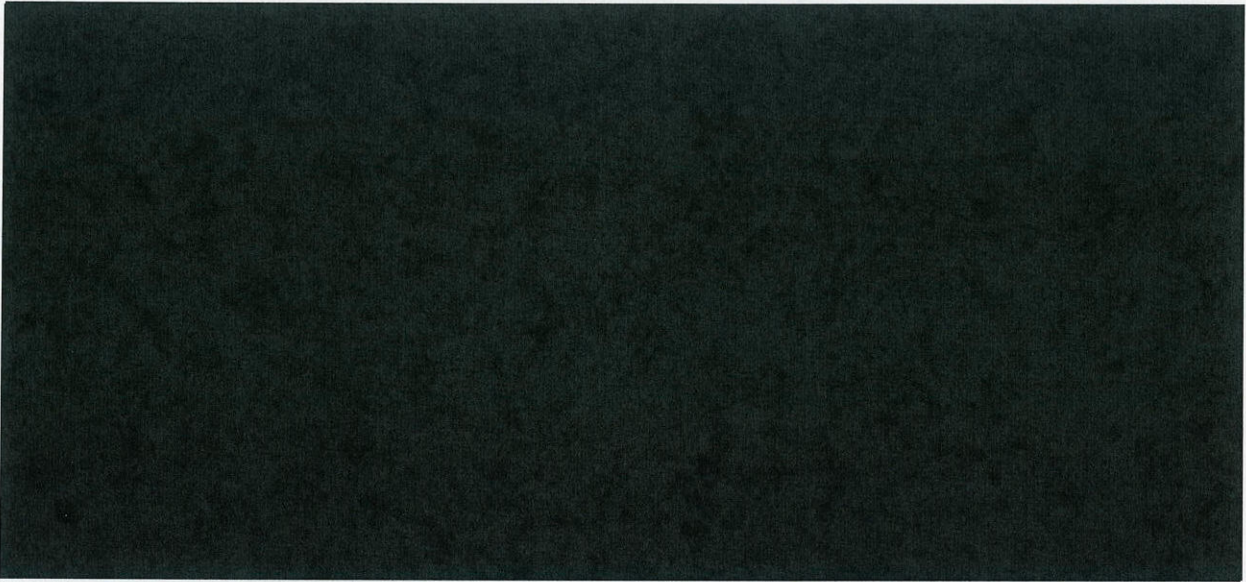
Classified by: David S. Kris, Assistant  
Attorney General, NSD, DOJ  
Reason: 1.4(c)  
Declassify on: [REDACTED]

All redacted information  
exempt under b(1) and/or  
b(3) except where  
otherwise noted.

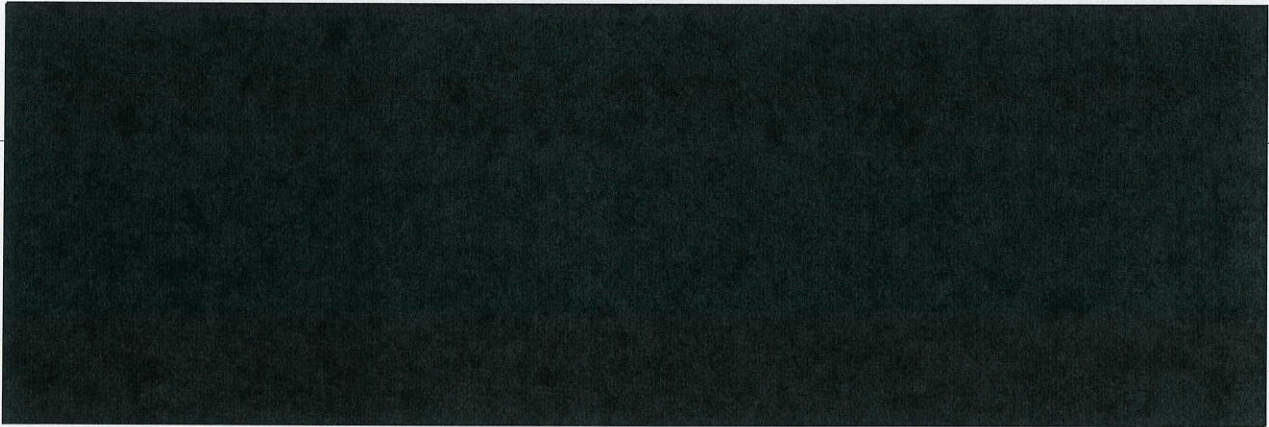
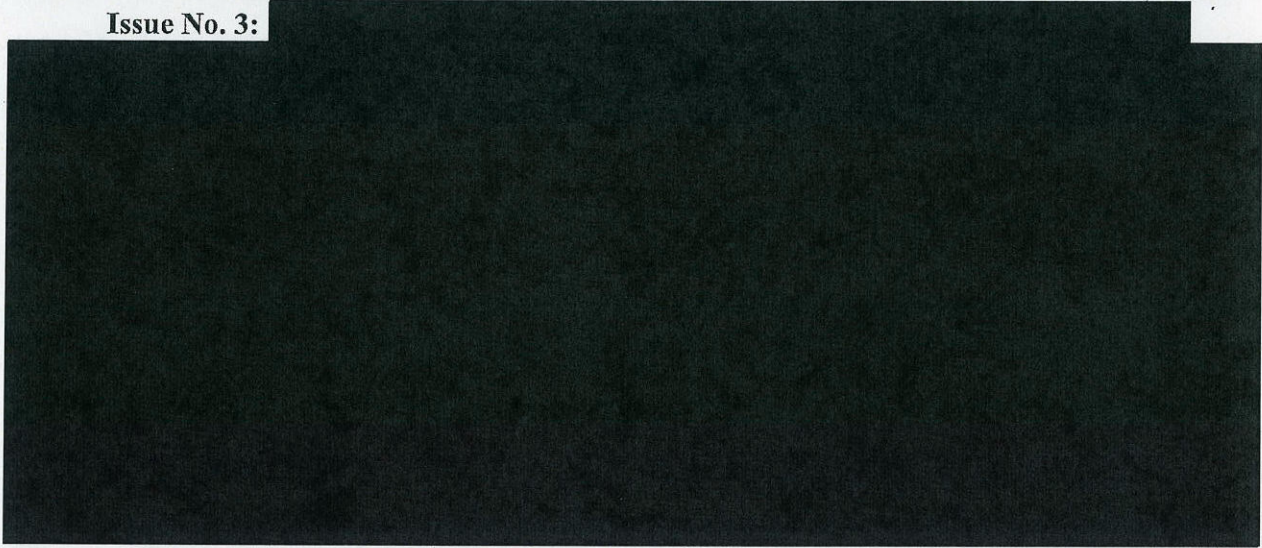


Issue No. 2:





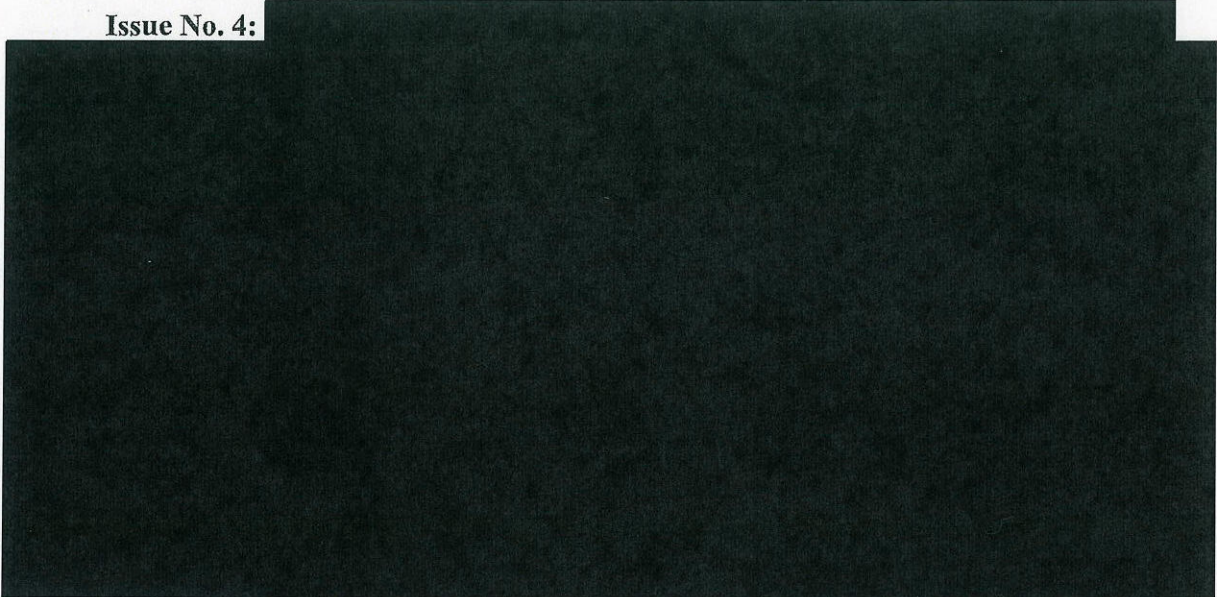
Issue No. 3:



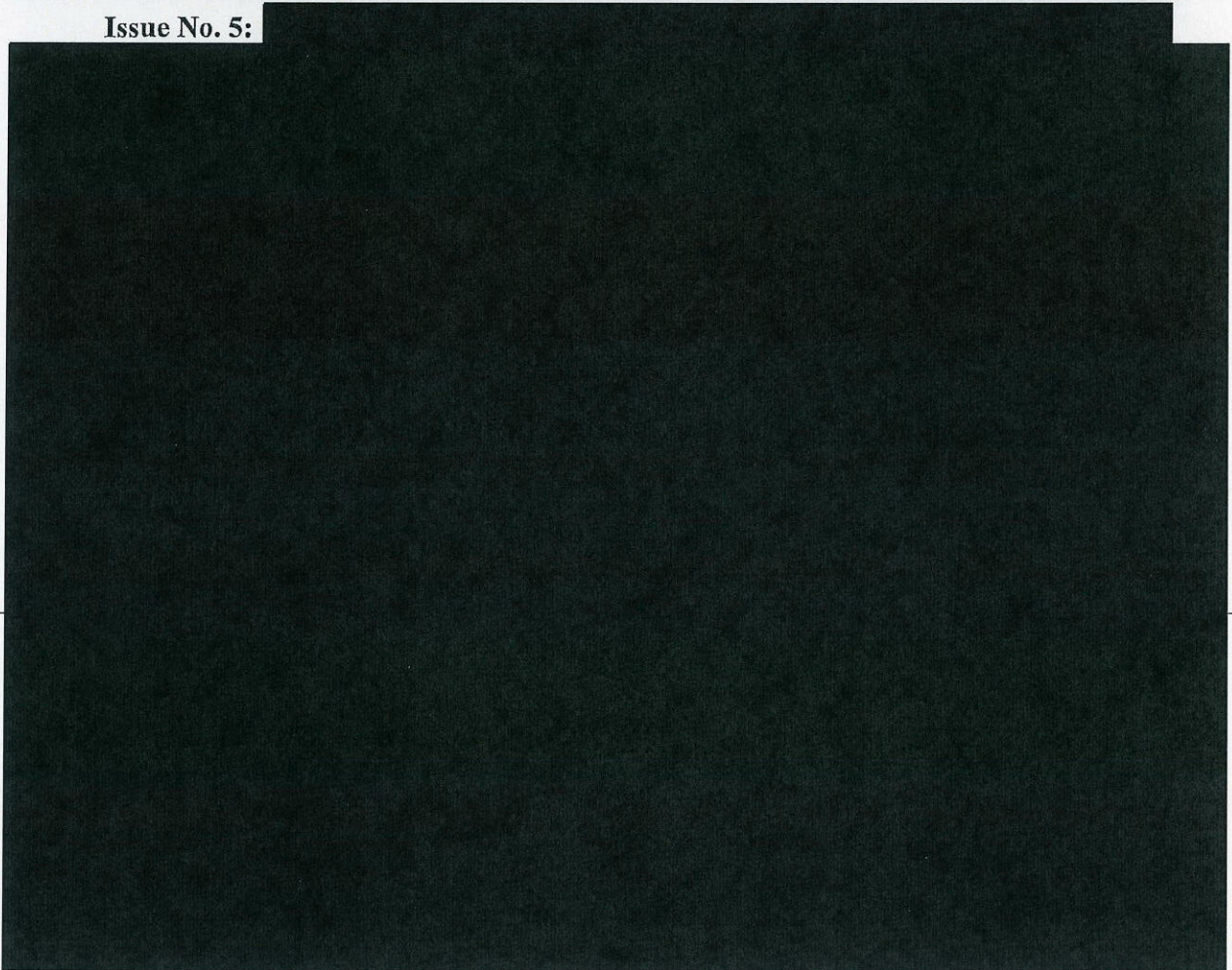
1



Issue No. 4:



Issue No. 5:



~~TOP SECRET//COMINT//NOFORN~~

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

---

~~TOP SECRET//COMINT//NOFORN~~