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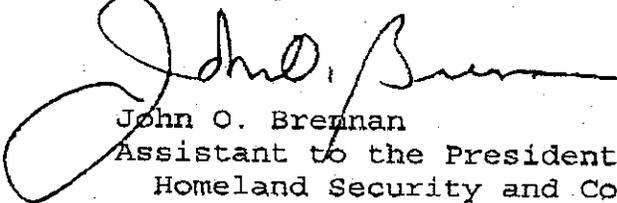
Dear Representative Wolf:

I am writing in response to your letter dated June 16, 2010, regarding your counterterrorism-related policy recommendations.

As we have discussed previously, this Administration has taken multiple steps that are in line with your recommendations. In fact, the President and his national security team place great importance on receiving independent and objective advice from experts inside and outside of the United States Government. Since the President took office, we have actively sought input by taking advantage of institutionalized mechanisms within departments and agencies, and drawing on expertise from outside of the Federal Government. Our motivation, and ultimate objective, has been fully consistent with the spirit of your letters. In many instances, we have pursued the very things you have been advocating, even if these pursuits do not appear to be wholesale adoptions of your recommendation. I hope that we can maintain a constructive dialogue about how to secure this Nation from the full range of threats we face.

Thank you again for sharing your views on these important issues. Once again, I would like to assure you that we have been operating in a way that is fully consistent with your proposals.

Sincerely,



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