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MEMORANDUM FOR:  
STAFF DIRECTOR AND MINORITY STAFF DIRECTOR,  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

SUBJECT: ~~(TS//SI//NF)~~ Congressional Notification – NSA Acquisition and Use of  
Telephony Metadata from Cellular Network Call Detail Records –  
INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

~~(TS//SI//NF)~~ This is to inform the Committee that, in addition to the  
telephony metadata the National Security Agency (NSA) has been acquiring since  
2006 under its counterterrorism Business Records (BR) Foreign Intelligence  
Surveillance Act (FISA) program, NSA has begun to acquire and analyze telephony  
metadata derived from cellular network or “mobility” call detail records (CDRs)  
[REDACTED] The cellular telephony metadata is being produced pursuant  
to an order issued by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (FISC) pursuant  
to Section 501 (50 U.S.C. § 1861) of FISA. As the Committee is aware, the orders  
issued by the FISC strictly control the circumstances under which NSA may access  
(query), use, and disseminate information obtained under this bulk collection  
program.

~~(TS//SI//NF)~~ NSA analyzes this metadata to discover and develop the  
networks and associations of known and suspected terrorists. Until this change,  
NSA had been acquiring approximately [REDACTED] CDRs per day for billed long  
distance telephone calls to or from landline telephones either (a) between the U.S.  
and abroad; or (b) wholly within the U.S., including local telephone calls. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

~~(TS//SI//NF)~~ Before initiating the acquisition of mobility data, NSA undertook  
extensive testing to ensure strict compliance with the terms of the FISC Orders.  
The Court’s Orders are designed to protect the civil liberties and privacy interests of  
Americans. Following completion of the testing, on 29 August 2011, NSA began to  
receive approximately [REDACTED] CDRs per day and enter these records  
into our BR FISA bulk metadata architecture.

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