

The Honorable John Warner
United States Senate
Chairman, Armed Services Committee
225 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

25 April 2006

Dear Chairman Warner,

Under the provisions of the Intelligence Community Whistleblower Protection Act (ICWPA) and in the absence of an official response from the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI), I intend to report to the Armed Services Committee probable unlawful and unconstitutional acts conducted while I was an intelligence officer with the National Security Agency (NSA) and with the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA). These acts involve the Director of the National Security Agency, the U.S. Air Force Deputies Chief of Staff for Air and Space Operations, and the U.S. Secretary of Defense.

These probable unlawful and unconstitutional acts were conducted via very highly sensitive intelligence programs and operations known as Special Access Programs (SAP)s. I was a technical intelligence specialist dealing almost exclusively with SAP programs and operations at both NSA and DIA. U.S. Code, Title 10, Subtitle A, Part 1, Chapter 2, Subsection 119 (Special Access Program: Congressional Oversight), dated 12 July 2005 states that the Senate Armed Services Committee is responsible for reviewing "waved" SAP programs.

Due to the highly sensitive nature of these programs and operations, I will require assurances from your committee that the staffers and/or congressional members to participate retain the proper security clearances, and also have the appropriate SAP cleared facilities available for these discussions.

Please inform me when you require my appearance on Capitol Hill to conduct these discussions in relation to this ICWPA report.

Very Respectfully,

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cc: The Honorable Barbara A. Mikulski
The Honorable Paul S. Sarbanes