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The Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board appreciated the opportunity to meet today with the President, the Vice President and their staffs regarding the Board's independent bipartisan review and related findings regarding the telephone metadata program operated pursuant to Section 215 of the USA PATRIOT Act, as well as on the operations of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (FISC). The Board welcomes the chance to provide input into the Administration's decision-making process as the President evaluates whether and how to reform the Section 215 Program and the operations of the FISC.

The Board remains on schedule to issue its report on the telephone metadata program, as well as on the operations of the FISC, to the President, Congress, and the public in late January/early February. The report will contain a detailed analysis of the Section 215 Program and the operation of the FISC. It will address the 215 Program's legality, whether it strikes the right balance between national security and privacy and civil liberties, and will make recommendations for legislative and program reform. The report will be public and unclassified. Shortly thereafter, the Board will release a separate report regarding Section 702 of the FISA Amendments Act. The Board's review of these NSA surveillance programs has included two public hearings, receipt of dozens of public comments, meetings with advocates and private sector representatives, analysis of classified materials, and briefings by government agencies.

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