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Dear Mr. Attorney General:

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Nonetheless, the interrogation team now has concluded, and I agree, that the use of more aggressive methods is required to persuade Abu Zubaydah to provide the critical information we need to safeguard the lives of innumerable innocent men, women, and children within the United States and abroad. These methods include certain activities that normally would appear to be prohibited under the provisions of 18 U.S.C. §§2340-2340B (apart from potential reliance upon the doctrines of necessity or of self-defense)

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I respectfully request that you grant a formal declination of prosecution, in advance, for any employees of the United States, as well as any other personnel acting on behalf of the United States, who may employ methods in the interrogation of Abu Zubaydah that otherwise might subject those individuals to prosecution under Section 2340A of Title 18, United States Code, as well as under any other applicable U.S. law.

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