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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The National Security Advisor

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3. (TS As you know, beginning in September 2002 the Justice Department authorized CIA in its discretion, to employ on selected HVDs

waterboard,

techniques to elicit ongoing threat information from the most hardcore, senior terrorist figures that have been captured—men such as Khalid Sheik Muhammad, Abu Zubaydeh,

key members of Congress have been briefed from the beginning—CIA informed the leadership of the Congressional Intelligence Committees of the existence and nature of the Program when it commenced in late 2002, in early 2003 when members of the leadership changed, and again in September 2003.

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