

November 28, 2016

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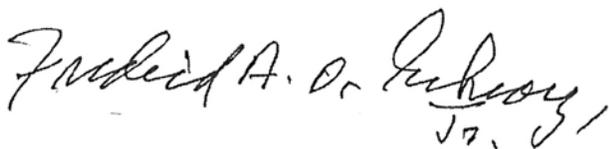
Dear President Obama and Attorney General Lynch:

Please see the attached memorandum urging you to extend leniency to Edward Snowden in negotiating a fair and just settlement of the criminal charges against him, based on the public benefits that resulted from his disclosures. The memo is signed by fifteen former staff members of the United States Senate Select Committee to Study Governmental Operations with Respect to Intelligence Activities (better known as the Church Committee), which was established in 1975 to conduct the first, and to date the only, comprehensive investigation of U.S. intelligence activities and their impact on the rights of Americans.

As the Church Committee's Chief Counsel and Staff Director, we found the good judgment and advice of our staff crucial to crafting a bi-partisan consensus on the need for reform. Their continuing service to our country, often in government and particularly in the intelligence community, has only strengthened their wisdom in matters of vital importance to both our nation's security and individual liberty. We urge you to seriously consider this request as the best option for resolving the Snowden matter and ending his untenable exile in Russia, which benefits nobody.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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