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The Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board welcomes the contribution made by the Review Group on Intelligence and Communications Technology to the continuing public discussion about the U.S. Government's surveillance programs. The Board plans to issue a report to the President, Congress, and the public in late January/early February based on its independent bipartisan review of 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). Soon 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. The report will contain a detailed analysis of the Section 215 program and the operation of the FISC, as well as findings on the program's legality and recommendations for legislative and program changes. It is anticipated that the report will be unclassified and will be made public.

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