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General Martin Dempsey
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
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Washington DC, 20318

Dear General Dempsey;

As you may know, several news outlets have reported that a redacted version of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) Rendition, Detention, and Interrogation (RDI) Study authored by Senate Democrats will be made public in near future. We are concerned about how this public release could jeopardize the safety of U.S. military personnel and Department of Defense (DoD) employees, as well as negatively impact DoD missions vital to U.S. national security.

On several occasions, the White House and State Department have told the SSCI, both verbally and in writing, that a series of security steps will be needed to safeguard the lives of U.S. personnel and the facilities in which they work in order to protect against a potential backlash from the public release of the RDI Study. This includes U.S. military and Department of Defense personnel and facilitates. Additionally, we are concerned that the Study's release could affect vital DoD missions such as those currently working to build the capacity of the Iraq Security Forces (ISF), recruit moderate opposition forces to fight against ISIL, and put in jeopardy important intelligence sharing and military to military relationships around the world.

We would like to know if you share these concerns, and the specific steps your office and the DoD are taking to safeguard DoD personnel and equities globally. Finally, we would like to know if the Joint Staff has been granted the opportunity to review the report, including the Minority Views, and provide comments on redactions in order to better protect DoD personnel, equities and missions.

The men and women who work at these installations are patriots, and serve our nation at great personal risk in some extremely dangerous locations. Their security and these important missions should be our utmost priority, and we encourage you to take any measures necessary to ensure their safety. We look forward to your response to this important matter of national security.

Sincerely,

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