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MEMORANDUM FOR:

STAFF DIRECTOR AND MINORITY STAFF DIRECTOR,
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

SUBJECT: (U//FOUO) Congressional Notification – Resignation of NSA Employee –
INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

(U//FOUO) This is to update the Committee on steps that the National Security Agency (NSA) has taken to assign accountability related to the unauthorized disclosures of classified information by former contractor Edward Snowden. Three NSA affiliates have been implicated in this matter: an NSA civilian employee, an active duty military member, and a contractor. The civilian employee recently resigned from employment at NSA. NSA has notified the Department of Justice of this administrative resolution relating to the civilian employee.

(U//FOUO) On 18 June 2013, the NSA civilian admitted to FBI Special Agents that he allowed Mr. Snowden to use his (the NSA civilian's) Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) certificate to access classified information on NSANet; access that he knew had been denied to Mr. Snowden. Further, at Mr. Snowden's request, the civilian entered his PKI password at Mr. Snowden's computer terminal. Unbeknownst to the civilian, Mr. Snowden was able to capture the password, allowing him even greater access to classified information. The civilian was not aware that Mr. Snowden intended to unlawfully disclose classified information. However, by sharing his PKI certificate, he failed to comply with security obligations.

(U//FOUO) NSA initially suspended the civilian's access to NSA Sensitive Compartmented Information, and on 20 November 2013 revoked his security clearance and notified him of the proposal to remove him from NSA employment. He remained in an uncleared employee status pending an appeal of the revocation, and he resigned on 10 January 2014. He has not filed an appeal of the revocation.

(U//FOUO) The active duty military member and contractor were removed from access to NSA information and spaces in August 2013. Further accountability will be determined by their individual employer, not NSA. Should you have questions or require additional information, please contact me at (301) 688-7246.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ethan L. Bauman", is positioned above the typed name.

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