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The Honorable Merrick Garland
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Dear Mr. Garland,

I am writing to apprise you of an egregious program of warrantless surveillance, in clear violation of the Fourth Amendment. As the premier law-enforcement officer of the United States, I am sure that you will be interested in this serious contravention of the fundamental law of the land.

To this point in time, most such warrantless surveillance has derived from interception of electronic communications, but I have become intimately familiar with whole other arena of far more invasive surveillance. By exploiting advances in technology, essentially attribution-free, virtually undetectable surveillance is being performed on people in their homes using through-wall, lens-less imaging, unmanned airborne vehicles (UAVs), and small robotic devices that can enter buildings through even the smallest of cracks or other openings. I have personal experience that not only is warrantless surveillance being performed, but also that the same technologies are being used to perform various nefarious interventions. Apparently, the anonymity and wealth of information provided the use of these newly-developed technologies has emboldened certain agency or agencies, operating without effective oversight, to blatantly violate the Fourth Amendment, and a substantial investment in and deployment of this hardware has already occurred.

These applications of modern technologies have such horrific ramifications that I am sure that you will want to investigate it to preserve the Constitutional rights embodied in its Fourth Amendment.

My knowledge of this situation derives from personal observations and experiences. Evidently, I have been selected as a non-consensual subject in what can only be some sort of experimental program and/or "hands-on", real-life practicum for this "organization" that is using drug users as experimental subjects to develop and test these technologies; they are being used to perform not only virtually undetectable, warrantless surveillance on drug users, but also clandestine, non-consensual, experimental medical interventions on those users. The inference that it is experimental and being used to develop technology or train agents arises from the expenditure of inordinate amounts of money, personnel, and other resources on individual drug users; there are few other scenarios with foreseeable payoffs for performing these activities in this manner. Although it may masquerade as a "demand reduction" program, it clearly is not a practical way of deterring drug use. The individuals, at least in my case, are not important, know no state secrets, and are not drug kingpins or members of organized crime. It makes

absolutely no sense except, perhaps, that such inconspicuous people are least likely to be believed or motivate investigations.

However, the use of drug users is more understandable because they are often assumed to be "fried", thought to be paranoid, claim that they are being experimented on, or under surveillance. Hence, their claims can be dismissed out of hand, with the experimenters thus evading investigation, if they dare to contact law enforcement. But contacting authorities is risky, as it entails likely arrest. In addition, any deleterious or unexpected effects of the medical interventions can be attributed to drug use.

Finally, the use high-technology, including robotic devices, Unmanned Airborne Vehicles (UAVs), and through wall, lens-less imaging techniques allows observation of the subject and delivery of interventions in an anonymous manner so the responsible parties cannot be identified. It should not be too outlandish to consider that the technologies used for robotic surgery, repairing nuclear reactors where humans cannot survive the radiation, and the exploration of mars remotely using radio signals that have incredibly low power levels, might be being applied to more down-to-earth, albeit illegal, activities.

I am the first to admit that these claims are incredible and come across as a science fiction plot. But rather than get lost in the weeds trying to persuade you that they are true, let me restate the obvious. It makes no sense, it's a profligate waste of resources and money, and it's hard to imagine a more egregious and illegal program. Perhaps it should be considered in light of the protracted history of both abuse of surveillance powers as well as non-consensual experimentation on unwitting subjects by various Government agencies. I think Mark Twain stated "It's no wonder that truth is stranger than fiction. Fiction has to make sense."

Clearly, this program is not something that an average citizen can adduce evidence about; essentially this program hides behind modern high-technology. The remotely-controlled devices being employed prevent identification of the perpetrators even if it were possible to capture one of them. In addition, the lens-less imaging methods require specialized knowledge and expensive equipment to demonstrate that it is being used in that manner. Moreover, most private investigative agencies are reluctant to assist if they determine that law-enforcement might be involved. Only an investigation by a Federal law-enforcement agency with teeth such as 18 USC 1001 has any chance of uncovering this program. Nonetheless, this is a very serious matter that demands discovery because its implications and potential applications are profound and frightening.

For one, the use of this virtually undetectable surveillance technology places those running it in a position where they could acquire information that allows them to profit in a manner that would not leave a trail of evidence, thus enabling "self-funding" - an independent entity entirely immune to oversight by means of funding control. Perhaps this is the source of the apparently unlimited funding devoted to this project, the alternative being actual tax dollars; neither seems like a desirable possibility.

In addition, since the operators can view private information in "plain text" form, it nullifies the use of encryption, to say nothing of the Fourth Amendment. And continuous surveillance of a subject allows the operators to forestall or otherwise thwart attempts to expose their operations or alert authorities.

Using these technologies for "self-funding", to perform non-consensual medical experimentation on drug users, or to bypass encryption are just a few applications. Others include extrajudicial punishment as well as all manner of dirty tricks to cause "accidents" or alter behavior of individuals clandestinely - part of the "six ways from Sunday" that intelligence agencies use to exact retribution or control behavior. With a little thought, many more nefarious possibilities will come to mind.

For these and other reasons I wrote an essay detailing this program and sent it to the Michael Horowitz, the Inspector General of the Department of Justice, since I felt the DEA was involved. I have not received any direct response from that office, but I did talk to a DEA agent that had been contacted by Mr. Horowitz, apparently to determine if I had any direct evidence that the DEA was involved, which I could not supply. But regardless of the provenance of the organization operating this program, the serious threats it engenders require that its existence be verified and activities determined, even if the *a-priori* probability of the veracity of these claims is presumed to be low.

What I have done is included in this missive a copy of that essay (available electronically here: <http://www.surveillancenation.us/leglappl/index.html>), as well as a couple of cover letters that I sent along with it to the Inspector General (also available electronically at the same link). Note that these documents are embedded in a nascent web site I am developing, but as of the date of this letter, only the splash page, the "Legal Appeals" subpage, and the "About Me" subpages have any content. However, if you are interested in my bona fides, feel free to check out the "About Me" section of that site that contains my biography.

In any case, thank you for your time and attention in this matter. Please feel free to contact me for more information or clarification. I remain,

Sincerely,

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