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MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN F. CLARK
DIRECTOR
UNITED STATES MARSHALS SERVICE

FROM:  THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

SUBJECT: Origination of Special Administrative Measures (SAM) Pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 501.3 for Federal Pretrial Inmate Stewart David Nozette

Federal pretrial inmate Stewart David Nozette (Nozette) was arrested by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on October 19, 2009, for attempted espionage. As detailed in the attached request from the Counterespionage Section, National Security Division, and the accompanying letter and certification from the Director of the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO),¹ an FBI investigation has revealed that Nozette, a former member of the White House Space Council who assisted in the development of numerous sensitive U.S. government satellite programs, attempted to pass classified information to an undercover FBI agent posing as an Israeli intelligence officer. Nozette is currently housed with the United States Marshals Service (USMS) pending trial. The FBI concurs in this request.

Based upon information provided to me, I find that there is a danger that Nozette will disclose classified information, that the unauthorized disclosure of such information would pose a threat to the national security of the United States, and that the SAM on Nozette are reasonably necessary to prevent disclosure of such information. Therefore, I am requesting that you, pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 501.3, implement SAM to restrict Nozette's access to the mail, the media, the telephone, and visitors. Implementation of this SAM will commence immediately upon notice to the inmate, and the SAM will be in effect for one year from the date of my approval, subject to my further direction.

¹ The letter from the NRO is classified and for security purposes is not being transmitted with this unclassified request. It is being stored at the Office of Enforcement Operations, Criminal Division.

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