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Re: No. 11-5028, US v. Jeffrey Alexander Sterling, et al.
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Dear Counsel :

Oral argument in US v. Sterling is scheduled for Friday, May 18, 2012. Because this case involves classified information, counsel is directed to advise this court as to their position on whether all of the argument should be held in a sealed courtroom, or whether the argument should be bifurcated, with a portion of the argument held in an open courtroom, and the portion of the argument related to the classified materials held in a sealed courtroom. Please file your response to this letter within seven days.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mark J. Zanchelli

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