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Dear John Kiriakou,

I am a writer who has by necessity recently returned to independent journalism, my work may be found online at my blog The Everyday Concerned Citizen/www.everydayconcerned.net as well as at a few sites online. I enclose my bio for your perusal in a separate document, and you may also find more on my work at my writer-website www.ramolad.com and my literary quarterly online, www.delphiquarterly.com.

I just watched your recorded presentation to the Strength through Peace/Fort Collins CommunityAction Network at Fort Collins, Colorado in February of this year, and am cheered to hear you speak out unequivocally against both the recently-exposed CIA torture practices of “enhanced interrogation” and the general unethicality and illegality of torture under any circumstance.

I am especially glad to learn, through this talk, that there appear to be some truly ethical officers within the ranks of the CIA—in addition to yourself—and that not everyone at the CIA accepts, supports, or promotes the kind of mass suppression of conscience that our post-9/11 surveillance-state has brought us to. I've also just learned about the Federal Torture Act from your mention of it.

I am writing for a couple reasons.

One, you may know that the US government is seeking to change the Common Rule currently, via the Department of Health and Human Services, and also that a group of Military, Intelligence, and Security agencies have sought, for the new and revised Common Rule, to fully exempt all research conducted by these agencies-- under the label of “Intelligence Surveillance” as normative, regular, everyday activity of these agencies—exempt from any need to be considered subject to the Common Rule at all, i.e., the need to obtain or document or abide by rules for Informed Consent. In other words, these agencies—which group no doubt includes the CIA—are seeking carte blanche to conceal and cover any and *all future experimentation on Americans*, as well as, I presume, in this way cover *any ongoing experimentation on Americans (or anyone else, worldwide, via Intel agreements)*, as perfectly normal, everyday Intelligence surveillance activities being conducted by these agencies, which they are under no obligation to divulge whatsoever, since of course all this activity will be classified and has to be hidden for the purpose of preserving National Security.

SACHRP, the Secretary's Advisory Committee for Human Research Protections, has been working for a few years on this project with OHRP, the Office of Human Research Protections at the Dept. of Health & Human Services. I covered the recent testimony at their May meetings in DC of a small group of people testifying to their ongoing experiences of being targeted, tracked, and essentially tortured by remotely applied electronic-warfare weapons and neuroweapons in apparent operations of whistleblowing retaliation, non-consensual human experimentation, and non-consensual weapons testing of directed-energy weapons in military/USAF bio-behavioral research projects—I suspect, as many do, that the first step to

permitting such covert operations today occurs when people are wrongfully labelled “terrorists” and “spies” under the expansive clauses of the Patriot Act/Freedom Act and subjected—and thereby effectively disappeared—via FISA court letters/National Security letters to all sorts of “surveillance” by the covey of Intelligence and Security agencies we have working together. This seems to be the key to letting them thence be entered as “legal” subjects for DOD weapons-testing experimentation and Intelligence (CIA/black ops)/DARPA neuro-experimentation, inclusive of covert implantation, neuro-policing, synthetic telepathy, neuro-imaging, memory, and dream research. Americans—and many worldwide—are being abused and tortured on a daily and hourly basis in this way, through these well-hidden programs—which I have written about extensively on my website, and which you may know about as well from many other writers on the subject.

I feel it is of great and immediate importance that all concerned citizens speak out today, in the most unequivocal terms, against this attempt by the CIA and other agencies to bury Informed Consent as a necessity, when seeking to experiment on people.

I would appreciate it very much if you would explore this subject further, and perhaps speak out. My article questioning Intelligence Surveillance exclusions in the proposed Common Rule or NPRM, and featuring prominent public comments submitted in-person and online on this subject may be found at my site:

[No Waivers of Informed Consent, PERIOD: The Public Reports Ongoing Non-Consensual Experimentation and Demands the Common Rule Protect Citizens, Not Covert Activities](#)

I also wrote a letter recently to SACHRP members, asking that they strike these wrongful Intelligence Surveillance and Criminal Justice exclusions from the proposed Common Rule, which may be found here:

<https://everydayconcerned.net/ethics-in-21st-century-sciencetechnology/letter-to-sachrpreparing-sachrps-responsibility-to-protect-all-human-subjects-necessary-protections-of-the-common-rule/>

Two, I'd like to ask if you would at all be open to an interview on these subjects of ethics in Intelligence agencies, how to stop torture from occurring on American soil or through American Intel agreements, worldwide, how covert experimentation could possibly be carried out by Intel agencies such as the CIA when officers of ethicality and integrity do exist, and how you think such experimentation could possibly be brought to light.

It would be an email/print interview and you could simply respond at your convenience; for posting at The Everyday Concerned Citizen and at a few sites online, including possibly Public Intelligence, The International Reporter, Washington's Blog, and others.

Finally, congratulations! on the Sam Adams award and I thank you for your integrity and whistleblowing on CIA torture practices. Thanks too for your candor at these talks, and for letting us see the whole backstory to Abu Zubaydah. We share a common connection in The George Washington University—I taught there as adjunct faculty for many years, in the English Department, from 1992-97 and later from 2004-11, in Creative Writing, we lived in Arlington for years before we moved up here to Boston for my husband's job. I look forward to hearing from you, please email or call, best—Ramola