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The Honorable Don Edwards  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Edwards:

I am writing to express my strong support for section 709 of H.R. 4299, the "Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1995," as passed by the Senate on August 12, 1994. This section would amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) to include physical searches undertaken for foreign intelligence purposes.

This legislation will better protect the American public through the involvement and oversight of all three branches of government in physical searches of foreign powers and their agents, while maintaining the President's ability to protect the security of the nation. Moreover, it will provide additional assurances to the dedicated men and women who serve this country in intelligence positions that their activities are proper and necessary.

Fifteen years of experience with electronic surveillance under FISA have demonstrated that it strikes the proper balance between the President's need to obtain vital foreign intelligence and the preservation of basic civil rights. I believe that it is time to add physical searches to FISA and to do so without other amendments that will disturb its delicate balance.

The President personally decided to seek this legislation, and I hope that, as a member of the conference committee on H.R. 4299, you will agree that now is the time to take this important step.

Sincerely,

*Janet Reno*  
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① Foreign nationals only

② Amend FISA -  
activities in  
support of IT

No residences

No US persons

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(Biden)  
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