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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Operations  
FROM: Director of Central Intelligence  
SUBJECT: Suspension of Use of Interrogation Techniques.

The General Counsel has advised that the Department of Justice (DOJ) has not formally opined in writing that CIA's use of interrogation techniques would meet the standards of the United States Constitution if those standards were applicable to aliens overseas. The absence of a formal DOJ opinion on this legal issue has possible implications for the use of interrogation techniques in future cases. Although the interrogation program remains authorized, out of an abundance of caution, I am directing the immediate suspension of any use of interrogation techniques, enhanced or otherwise, until further notice. Only debriefings, i.e., questions and answers, may continue.

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