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Mark Graham  
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Dear Mark:

Thank you for contacting me about the National Security Agency (NSA). I appreciate hearing from you.

Reports have surfaced that the NSA has been tapping directly into the central servers of nine leading U.S. Internet services, including Google, Facebook and YouTube. It has extracted audio and video chats, photographs, emails, documents and connection logs. Additionally, the NSA has been collecting telephone records of tens of millions of American customers of Verizon.

On June 6, 2013, I joined several of my House colleagues in sending a letter to FBI Director Robert Mueller and NSA Director Gen. Keith Alexander requesting more information concerning their agencies' data collection activities.

James Madison said that the difficulty in forming a government is to "oblige it to control itself." The activities going on at the NSA are the latest example of the government's inability to control itself. It has abused its power by violating one of our most basic freedoms: the right to privacy. I will continue to investigate the activities going on at the NSA and work to protect our basic freedoms.

Thank you again for being in touch. By listening to Idahoans, I am better able to represent your needs and interests in Washington. Please feel free to contact me again with further concerns by visiting my website [www.labrador.house.gov](http://www.labrador.house.gov) or by following me on Facebook or Twitter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Raúl".

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