



December 20, 2019

Hon. Martin Heinrich  
Member  
United States Senate  
Select Committee on Intelligence  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Hon. Ron Wyden  
Member  
United States Senate  
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Washington, D.C. 20510

Hon. Dianne Feinstein  
Member  
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Dear Senator Heinrich, Senator Wyden and Senator Feinstein,

Thank you for your letter of December 18, 2019 regarding the International Spy Museum's Interrogation exhibit. We appreciate your interest in the Museum and the role we play in educating the public about intelligence.

As you know, we met with Senate Select Committee on Intelligence staff on June 7, 2019 and discussed their concerns regarding the exhibit. At the end of the meeting, we explained to your staff that any changes to the exhibit would take some time. Making changes to the content and design of any exhibit involves detailed and time-consuming work: putting together a concept plan, engaging with stakeholders and experts to seek their views, carrying out research and writing, meeting with our Board of Directors and Advisory Board, designing and proofing every label, fabrication of the designs, and then installation.

During the summer, the Museum began working through that process. On September 12, we communicated with Evan Gottesman, informing him that our new framework for the exhibit was being presented to our Board's Exhibits Committee and that we hoped changes would be implemented within six months. Since then, we have moved forward and expect to meet that timeframe. As you noted in your letter, our goal is for changes to the exhibit to be in place by March, 2020.



We are happy to share with you a recent update given to our Board on our proposed exhibit changes. The new exhibit will focus more broadly on the history of interrogation, to include both coercive methods (physical and psychological) and non-coercive methods (such as rapport building). We also intend to add content on scientific and technical innovations to detect deceit (to include a polygraph artifact), as well as legal definitions of torture. The CIA's "Enhanced Interrogation" program, presented as a case study, will include an expanded timeline of the history of the program. The Committee Study of the Central Intelligence Agency's Detention and Interrogation Program will be included in the exhibit.

We would be pleased to share with you further board updates. As you know, the Museum is an independent, educational organization, and as such is ultimately responsible for the integrity, accuracy and balance of its own exhibits. We welcome input from all quarters. Input from those responsible for the Committee Study of the Central Intelligence Agency's Detention and Interrogation Program has been of particular value.

I also want to extend a heartfelt, and open-ended invitation to all three of you to visit the Museum, meet with our leadership, and our curators and historians, and view our exhibits for yourself.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tamara Christian". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tamara Christian  
President & COO