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“We have carefully sorted the national report of the US as well as alternative reports.  Unfortunately, we have to point out that the authorities of the country manifestly have not paid sufficient attention to the recommendations provided during the first cycle of the UPR.  We would also note that the human rights situation in the country has seriously deteriorated recently.  The government of the US must take urgent measures to improve the situation.  We recommend: first, that it ensure independent and objective investigations into all cases of police arbitrary behavior, including murders, torture, arbitrary detention, the use of military equipment and the seizure of property.  Second, that it provide effective legal and procedural guarantees against the collection and use by security services of personal information this includes abroad.  Third, that it immediately close the Guantanamo prison and cease illegal detention of terrorism suspects at its military bases abroad.  Four, that it stop extrajudicial killings of US citizens and foreigners including those being committed with the use of unmanned aircraft.  Fifth, that it conduct impartial and objective investigations into all cases of the cruel treatment of adopted children and to eliminate the impunity for such crimes.  Sixth that it stop the practice of racial profiling in judicial and law enforcement systems.  Seventh that it withdraw all reservations to human rights treaties internationally and […] provisions conscientiously.”