Supporting Information

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Fig. S1. Imino proton NMR spectra of the DNA duplex. (*A*) One-dimensional ¹H NMR spectra of solutions containing the indicated molar ratios of DNA added to a 0.12 mM solution of the complex of deuterated p50(39–350)/p65(19–321) with deuterated, ¹⁵N-labeled IkB α (67–287). (*B*) One-dimensional ¹H NMR spectrum of the 20-nucleotide DNA duplex free in solution in the absence of protein.



Fig. S2. Effects of DNA binding for individual ankyrin repeats. (A) Representative cross-peaks from the 900 MHz 1 H- 15 N transverse relaxation optimized heteronuclear single-quantum coherence spectra of NF- κ B-bound I κ B α are color coded as in Fig. 1*B* and shown (plotted at the same contour levels in each panel) at different molar ratios of protein complex to DNA.

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Fig. S3. Effect of DNA binding on resonance intensities of $I\kappa B\alpha$. Histogram showing experimental per-residue intensity ratios (I_{DNA}/I_0), where I_{DNA} represents the intensity of an $I\kappa B\alpha$ resonance in complex with NF- κB p50(39–350)/p65(19–321) following addition of a 1:1 molar ratio of DNA and I_0 represents the intensity of the same $I\kappa B\alpha$ resonance in complex with NF- κB p50(39–350)/p65(19–321) in the absence of DNA. The α -helices identified for the $I\kappa B\alpha$ –NF- κB complex (1, 2) are indicated at the top for comparison. Data for overlapped resonances are omitted from the analysis.

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Fig. S4. Fraction of $I \ltimes B \alpha$ remaining in bound to NF- κB as DNA is added. Average decay data for the intensities of resonances in three portions of $I \ltimes B \alpha$, ankyrin repeats (ARs) 1–4 (red), AR 5–6 (blue), and the region rich in proline, glutamate, serine, and threonine (PEST) (gray) are plotted as a function of DNA concentration. The decay curves were fitted into the first-order exponential decay function and extrapolated back to a normalized intensity of 1 in the absence of DNA where the fitted rate constant R = 0.92, 0.60, and 0.57 for AR-14, AR-5–6, and PEST, respectively. (*Inset*) The same curves plotted by aligning the final equilibrium state to the value of 0.