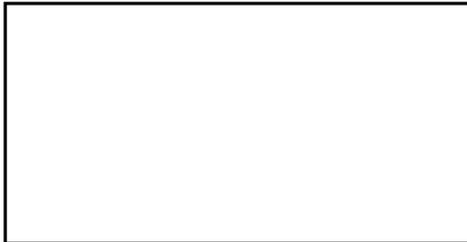


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On the occasion of your resignation from the Board of National Estimates for reasons of health, I want to express to you my own appreciation and that of your colleagues in this Agency for all you have done in furthering the work on National Intelligence Estimates.

I recall that, at great personal inconvenience to yourself, you came to Washington at very short notice at my request. I am sure you were convinced of the importance of the work you were called upon to do, and I have no doubt that your experience here has, if anything, strengthened that conviction.

I know I am speaking for the chairman and members of the Board of National Estimates when I say that your contribution has been an extremely valuable one and that you had a very full share in establishing the high standards required for estimating work on the national level.

I take this opportunity not only to renew my expression of thanks, but also to send you all good wishes for an early recovery of your health.

Sincerely yours,

SIGNED

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