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Dear Carl:

Upon presentation of the final report on the NIKE X Threat Analysis Study to the Secretary of Defense in December, Mr. McNamara expressed his thanks for "an excellent job on an extraordinarily fine study."

As chairman of the Threat Analysis Review Board I desire to extend my most sincere appreciation to you for your intelligent and consistent participation on the Review Board. The successful completion of the Threat Analysis Study is a true reflection of the competent overall guidance provided by the members and the organizations from which they came. I am well aware of the time that participation on the Board has taken from your primary responsibilities. However, considering the possible impact that the study may have on the future defense posture of our country, I am confident that your contribution was well worth the effort.

Since the final report has been presented to Mr. McNamara, I do not plan to reconvene the members in the near future. However, as the NIKE X program progresses, if the need arises to reassemble the Board, I hope that I may feel free to call upon you again for assistance.

Thank you once more for a job well done.

Very sincerely yours,

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