

(b)(3)

(b)(6)

□ DECEMBER 19, 2017

# (U) Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

SECRET//NOFORN

Team,

(U) Earlier this month, we hosted the Agency's annual holiday reception for foreign liaison partners. It was a packed house as senior Agency officers mingled with foreign liaison partners, White House leaders, Ambassadors and others—all sharing one commonality: they understand, support and contribute to the CIA's mission.

(U) A few days later, Susan and I enjoyed an afternoon talking and taking photos with members of our workforce—and were wowed by your holiday spirit. Many of you wore battery-powered light up sweaters, Christmas kilts, one Christmas penguin suit with bow tie, musical necklaces...Susan and I will have to up our game next year!

(U) At the workforce reception, we distributed a card sharing my mother's secret fudge recipe. Mom gifted her fudge widely every Christmas—to all our teachers, neighbors and friends—and my reward for stirring each of her recipes (no small task) was an extra stash of fudge! Scroll to the bottom of this note to see the recipe card.

(U) As I write this, we are in the process of sending the 2017 CIA holiday card to Agency friends around the world. This year's card honors holiday family memories and traditions, along with the memories that we all share as we celebrate the 70th birthday of the Central Intelligence Agency. Scroll down a bit further in this email so you can see this year's Agency holiday card.

(S//NF) Last fall at the Agency's Family Day, officers and their children wrote notes of thanks and holiday greetings on construction paper strips. The strips were stapled together and hundreds of feet of paper chains were created and shipped off to our stations around the world. These paper chains, now decorating our offices [redacted] (b)(1)

[redacted] (b)(1) are a visual symbol of gratitude for the sacrifice of those officers and their (b)(3)

(b)(3)

(b)(3)

families who will spend this holiday season separated from their loved ones, in service to the Agency and to America.

(U) Susan and I are honored every day by the patriotism and service of the CIA workforce. On behalf of my family and myself, please accept our sincere wishes to you this holiday season—that you might enjoy laughter and meaning with those you love and, that together, we continue to protect America’s freedoms in 2018.

Mike Pompeo (b)(3)  
(b)(6)

(U//FOUO) P.S. Susan and I thoroughly enjoyed the good humor and pastry talents of those who submitted gingerbread creations. Congratulations to [redacted] who built the winner, “Game of Thrones Winter is Coming.” (And, good use of ice cream cones!)

[redacted] (b)(3)

SECRET//NOFORN

FILED UNDER: 2017, DECEMBER - 2017, OPA NOTICES

[redacted] (b)(3)

(b)(3)

(b)(3)