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I am equally convinced that our effort was successful. Intelligence production is not a business in which perfection can ever be attained but I believe firmly that our product has improved in quality over the past three or four years. You contributed to this improvement and may legitimately take satisfaction from your participation. You also have my sincere gratitude for what you did.

Our association in this effort now comes to an end. I know, though, that you will continue to stand ready to help our government in the future as you did in this case when you are called upon to do so. Meanwhile, I hope and believe that our paths will continue to cross. I therefore look forward to our future associations. I have no doubt that you will continue to be successful in all you undertake, but please know that you have my best wishes.

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The effort was successful. There is no doubt in my mind that our product has improved in quality over the past three or four years. You may still believe that your own contribution was small but you can take satisfaction from it nevertheless. I regret that we shall no longer be associated in this effort. I know, though, that you will continue to stand ready to help our government in the future as you did in this case when called upon to do so. Meanwhile, I hope and indeed believe that our paths shall continue to cross in the future as in the past. I shall look forward to our future associations and I take this opportunity to wish you continued success in all your endeavors.

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