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Mr. Richard J. Kerr Deputy Director of Central Intelligence--Designate Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Dick:

On behalf of STAP, I want to thank you for taking time to have dinner with us last night. Advisory groups like STAP cannot work well without that kind of active interest by senior management.

Both and you talked about uncertainty and ambiguity as hallmarks of the coming years. I think that assessment could not be more on the mark, and I hope STAP can help you with some of it. I expect there will be occasions when we can help reduce uncertainties but--to pick up on another point made about the need to entertain multiple hypotheses--we may at times provide equal service by pointing out alternative views and perspectives. As you suggested, that might help frame the questions that concern you.

Again, thanks for being with us. We look forward to seeing more of you.

Sincerely,

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