

Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D.C. 20505

3 July 2001

The Honorable Richard C. Shelby
Vice Chairman
Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
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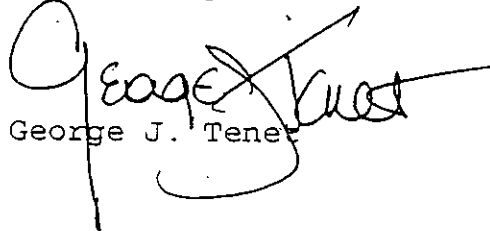
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- Directed that the National Security Agency, the National Imagery and Mapping Agency, and the Central Intelligence Agency designate senior Points of Contact who shall be responsible for ensuring all appropriate support to Department of Defense and DIA efforts in this regard.

I am confident the inherent capabilities of the IC, augmented by these steps, will position the Community to

participate and respond effectively to both current and future Personnel Recovery and other POW/MIA requirements. DIA has already undertaken actions in conjunction with its newly designated responsibilities.

Originals of this letter are also being sent to the leadership of the committees with intelligence oversight responsibilities.

Sincerely,

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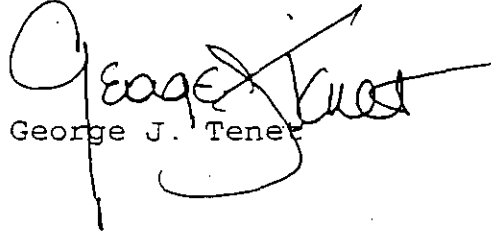
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