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**THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE**

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

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**TO MY ASSOCIATES AND FRIENDS OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY:**

As my all too brief tenure as Director of Central Intelligence draws to a close, I want to thank each of you for the cooperation and support you have given me.

During the course of the past year I have come to realize that indeed the United States is blessed with the finest intelligence in the world. The dedication inherent in an assignment in the Intelligence Community is without equal. I have served in many fascinating assignments in public as well as private life, but nowhere have I encountered the degree of commitment which the Intelligence Community enjoys.

I wish I could have accomplished more in obtaining legislation to protect intelligence sources and methods. I worry about leaks from employees of the Community, past and present, and this nation needs a reawakening to honor the spirit as well as the code of our secrecy agreements. No foreign intelligence institution can be run without the strictest adherence to security.

I am pleased with the response the Community has given in implementing faithfully the President's Executive Order. All components have cooperated fully and I was particularly gratified to see for the first time a single consolidated budget prepared and submitted to the President on our National Foreign Intelligence Program. Moreover, the faithful observance of the guidelines of the Executive Order has gone a long way in restoring the confidence of the American people in our Intelligence Community. I congratulate all for making it work.

As I now leave the position of the DCI, I wish to express my gratitude for the support you have given me in carrying on our foreign intelligence mission. I have great faith in you; American intelligence is in good hands.

Sincerely,

1st. George Bush

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