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The Honorable Porter Goss, Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Office of Public Affairs  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Director Goss:

We write with respect to last year's final report of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (the 9/11 Commission) and subsequent legislative action, including Public Law 108-458 (The Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004) and its amendments to Section 104 of the National Security Act of 1947, relating to the CIA.

Specifically, we are interested in actions by the Central Intelligence Agency to implement the recommendations of the Commission and relevant portions of PL 108-458.

The purpose of our inquiry is to assess the performance of departments and agencies of the government—both through panel discussions and the issuance of a “report card” to the public on the Commission’s recommendations one year later—on steps taken to make the American people safer and more secure.

We would appreciate your comments specifically on steps taken at the CIA this past year, as the Commission recommended, to:

- Rebuild the CIA’s analytic capabilities;
  - Transform the clandestine service by building its human intelligence capabilities;
  - Develop a stronger language program;
  - Renew emphasis on recruiting diversity among operations officers;
  - Ensure a seamless relationship between human source collection and signals collection at the operational level; and
- Stress a better balance between unilateral and liaison operations.

We thank you in advance for your time and attention to this inquiry, and welcome any additional observations you wish to make. We do not seek to duplicate the extensive reporting requirements of PL 108-458; our purpose is to inform the American public about efforts underway to protect them. We would appreciate your reply by August 15, 2005.

On behalf of the former Commissioners, we would also like to invite you to meet with us, privately or publicly, to discuss these topics.

Should you or your office have any questions, please feel free to contact us directly or through the 9/11 Public Discourse Project.

With best regards,

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