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(U) Message from the Director: Thanksgiving Day

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Team,

(U) For Thanksgiving this year, Susan, Nick and I count it as a blessing to be part of the Agency family. We have felt privileged to get to know you, to visit with officers and their loved ones stationed far from home, and to share the joy of serving our nation. We give thanks for being within this circle of fellowship and patriotism, and for living in the most just and free country in the world.

(U) As President Eisenhower, a great Kansan and a great American, put it in his Thanksgiving Proclamation of 1958: “We rejoice in the beauty of our land; in every brave and generous act of our fellow man; and in the wise counsel and comfort of our friends. We deeply appreciate the preservation of those ideals of liberty and justice which form the basis of our national life and the hope of international peace.” (b)(1)
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(S//NF) I’ll be spending Thanksgiving Day with our officers there—men and women selflessly devoted to preserving the ideals we hold dear as Americans. Please keep all of our countrymen serving overseas in your thoughts and prayers, and may you be in the company of family and friends as you celebrate the holiday.

(U) Susan, Nick, and I thank each of you for your hard work and dedication, and we wish you and your family a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

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