



Washington, D.C. 20505

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Leahy:

I want to express my appreciation for the time-consuming effort you have made to determine the facts behind the KAL shutdown in wake of new public allegations of an Intelligence Community cover-up.

It is gratifying to the many professionals in the Community who have laboriously studied the incident over the past year that you took the time to listen to their analyses and then openly supported their conclusions.

I realize that the briefing on Saturday and your appearance on the "Today" show on Monday cut into a planned family vacation, but you performed a valuable service for which we are most grateful.

Sincerely,

/S/ John N. McMahon

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Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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