

THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
 Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Henry S. Rowen
 Chairman, National Intelligence Council

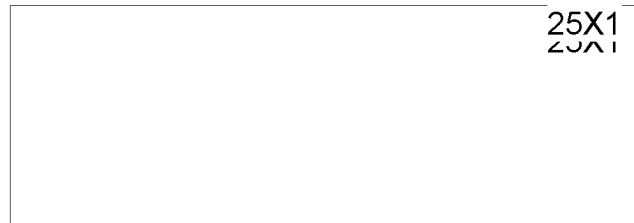
SUBJECT: Request for Signature of Covering Letter
 to Cabinet-level Officers

The Memorandum to Holders of SNIE 31-81 on Pakistan's nuclear weapons program is now ready for dissemination. This is to request your signature on the covering letter for copies going to the Vice President, Secretaries of State, Defense and Energy, the Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, Chairman, JCS and the Chairman, PFIAB. (I am sending copies to selected sub-cabinet officials.)

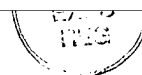
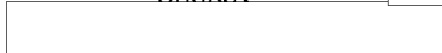


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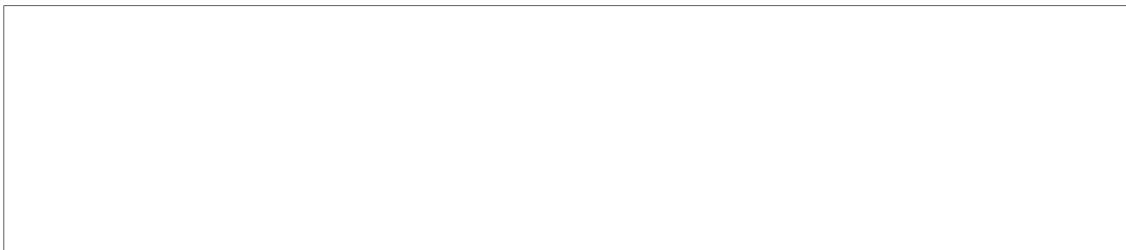
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The Vice President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Vice President:

As part of the Intelligence Community's ongoing monitoring of nuclear developments in the South Asian subcontinent, an updated assessment (enclosed) of Pakistan's nuclear program was recently completed. Among its key findings: Pakistan will proceed with the development of a nuclear weapon, but President Zia will most likely hold off testing of a nuclear device, because it would precipitate termination of the US security assistance relationship.



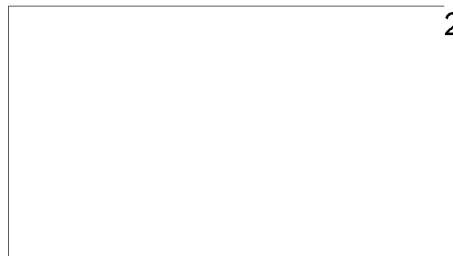
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Respectfully yours,

WJ Casey

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The Director of Central Intelligence

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The Honorable George Shultz
Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear George:

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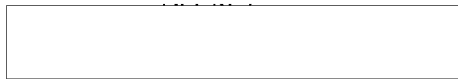
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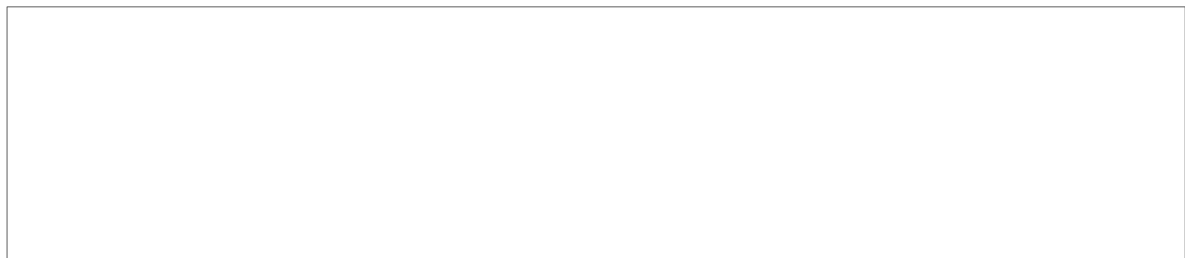
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The Honorable Caspar W. Weinberger
Secretary of Defense
Department of Defense
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Cap:

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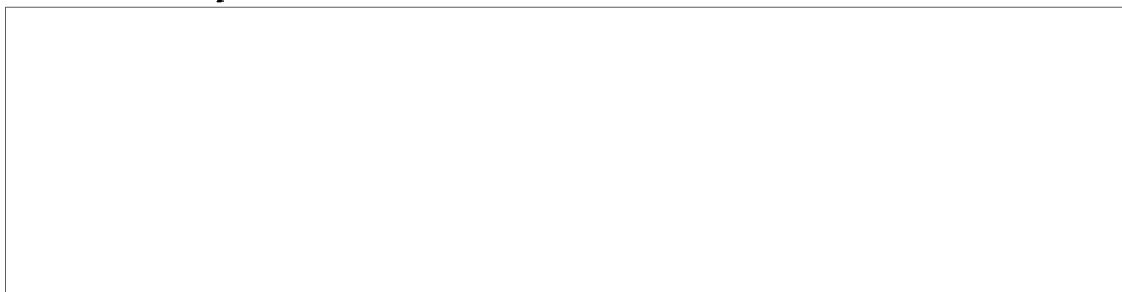
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The Honorable William P. Clark
Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Bill:

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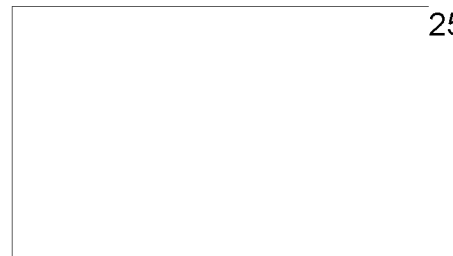
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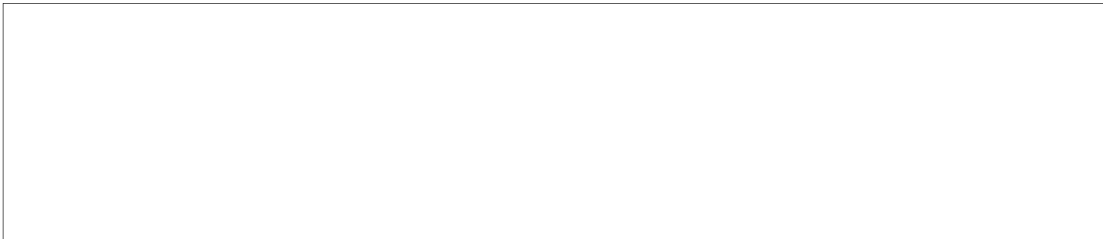
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The Honorable James B. Edwards
Secretary of Energy
US Department of Energy
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Jim:

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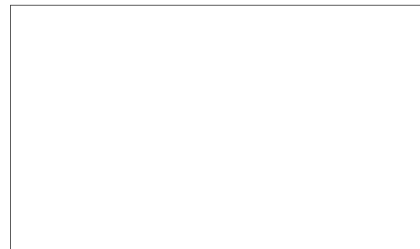


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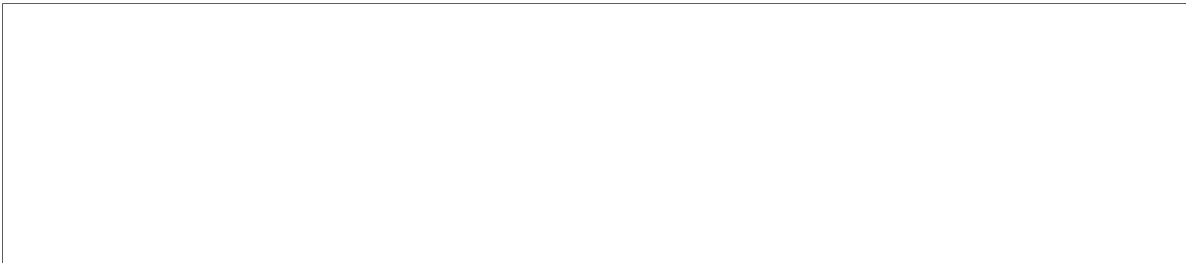
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General John W. Vessey, Jr.
Chairman
Joint Chiefs of Staff
Department of Defense
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear John:

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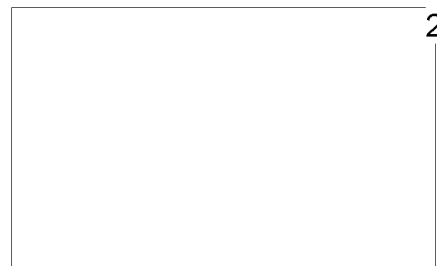


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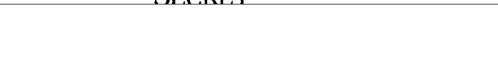
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The Director of Central Intelligence

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Mrs. Anne Armstrong
Chairman
President's Foreign Intelligence
Advisory Board
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Anne:

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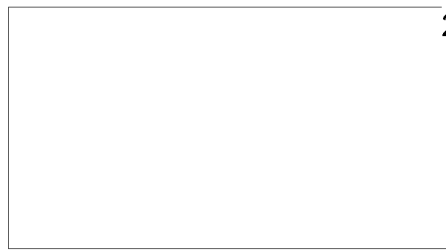


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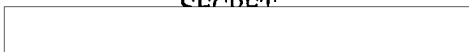
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