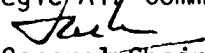


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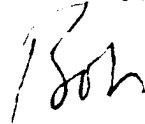

Dear General Chain,

I greatly appreciate the invitation to visit SAC and the JSTPS, and look forward to the opportunity to discuss and see first hand the advances that are being made in the strategic business.

Much has been accomplished since I served as a SAC intelligence officer, and I know that these are especially exciting times as SAC and the JSTPS modernize and move ahead to meet new challenges.

I understand that final arrangements for the trip are being worked out between Bill Doyle and Barry Horton for two days in early July. I look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,



Robert M. Gates
Acting Director